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Sylvie Philibert, left, a health-care worker at the Victoria General hospital, is on worker's compensation because of breathing problems related to the air quality in the building. She and co-worker Janice Fougere, right, met with the health minister at the legislature yesterday to tell him their workplace made them sick.

Ill nurses blame building

Health minister says he sympathizes with VG hospital workers

By **ROBYN YOUNG**
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Wheezing and hacking their way through sentences, three health-care workers from the Victoria General hospital came to the legislature yesterday to tell the health minister how the building is making them sick.

"Four months ago I contracted pneumonia and I have never been able to get really better since," Janice Fougere, a personal support worker in the transitional care unit on the fourth floor of the Centennial building, told reporters before meeting with the minister.

> *« There are at least another 25 staff that are experiencing various degrees of what these ladies are going through. »*
> NSGEU president Joan Jessome

Her voice cracking, she said she's had tests, X-rays and has been on a variety of medications for her condition but nothing seems to help.

Fougere and her two colleagues, also suffering from severe respiratory illnesses, said the disrepair of the building is the cause.

It's been at the centre of controversy over the past few years.

Operating rooms have closed due to leaks in the ceiling; patients and family members have complained about poor air quality; legionella, a bacteria that causes pneumonia, has been found in the water pipes; and patients say flies swarm the rooms.

Joan Jessome, president of the union representing the health-care workers, said the women are the most seriously ill among employees working in units 4a and 4b of the building, but they're not the only sick ones.

"There are at least another 25 staff that are experiencing various degrees of what these ladies are going through," she said.

Health Minister Chris d'Entremont agreed there are problems with the building.

"What you need to do to the facility — in my mind — is blow it up," he said.

But there's nowhere to put the 60 or so seniors residing in the unit, d'Entremont said. He said he sympathizes with Fougere and her colleagues and hopes to have a new home for at least the residents of units 4a and 4b within the next three to six months.

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Electronics recycling 'tax grab'

Tories make millions from your old TVs, laptops, Grits say

By **ROBYN YOUNG**
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The government is making money off the province's electronics recycling program through taxes and a Liberal MLA says this is just another example of a Tory "tax grab."

Fees the manufacturer charges upfront for recycling things like old computers and televisions are taxed.

Keith Colwell says the government will make millions from this.

"That's why the provincial revenues have gone so high in the last few years," he said. "They keep taxing every little thing."

At the beginning of February, the province introduced the Atlantic Canada Electronics Stewardship, a program for manufacturers to recycle electronics.The environmental fee for a laptop is $5, but a big screen television can cost upwards of $40 or $45. The goods and services tax is calculated on the entire price of the product, so eight per cent of a $45 recycling fee on a large screen TV, or $3.60, goes to the federal government and a portion of that is passed down to the province.

Environment Minister Mark Parent said the program is "industry-led" and the manufacturers made the decision to tax the environmental fee.

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The province is seeking nominations for its new Medal of Bravery. The medal goes to people who have risked their well-being to protect the life or property of others. Forms are available at www.gov.ns.ca/bravery. METRO HALIFAX



Leader of crack ring gets 10-year sentence

By **RACHEL BOOMER**
Metro Halifax

The head of a "dial-a-dope" crack cocaine operation has been handed 10 ½ years' jail time for conspiracy to traffick the drug, but he'll only spend another 4 ½ years behind bars.

reform

» In a written decision released yesterday, Nova Scotia Supreme Court Justice David MacAdam said given Bonin's long and extensive criminal record, there was "little optimism" that he would reform.

That's because Richard Michael Bonin, 37, got six years' credit for the nearly three years he's already served awaiting first trial, then sentencing.

Bonin, along with two other men, ran a 24-hour, seven-day drug trafficking operation. Customers would call a phone number, then arrange to meet a drug trafficker to buy their drugs. Traffickers — one of whom was a female teen — worked 12-hour shifts. A half-ounce of crack went for $1,000.

Police busted the operation in June 2005, seizing over $17,000 in cash.

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Young Haligonians and urban dwellers are most likely to say they support the construction of a third span for the Halifax Harbour.

Bridge views split: Survey

Those under 55 more likely to back crossing, poll finds

By **RACHEL BOOMER**
Metro Halifax

by the numbers

» Completely or mostly support the third crossing:
Dartmouth: 51 per cent
Halifax: 50 per cent
Bedford/Sackville: 47 per cent
Other HRM: 33 per cent

» Completely or mostly oppose:
Other HRM: 58 per cent
Bedford/Sackville: 47 per cent
Halifax: 46 per cent
Dartmouth: 39 per cent

If you're young, and you live in the city core, you probably want a third bridge.

But if you're over 55, you're more likely to worry it's going to send your taxes through the roof.

A new poll released yesterday by Corporate Research Associates suggests support overall for a third harbour crossing — either a bridge or a tunnel — is mixed. Forty-eight per cent of the 401 people surveyed either completely or mostly oppose a new crossing, while 46 per cent either completely or mostly support it.

Break that down by your age or where you live, though, and things get less murky. Only 32 per cent of those over 55 support a third crossing, while 56 per cent of those 18 to 34 and 49 per cent of 35- to 54-year-olds support it.

CRA president Don Mills says it's all about whether you use the bridge or not.

"People in the 55 and over category are less likely to be working. They see it, and they say 'that's going to put my taxes up, and I don't have the ability to pay for that'," Mills said.

A study prepared for the Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission and released in late March suggested HRM will need a third harbour crossing by 2016. It would cost between $1.1 billion and $1.4 billion.

CRA surveyed 401 adults between May 2 and 12. Results are considered accurate to within 4.9 percentage points, 95 times out of 100.

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» **LAW** Dalhousie University is launching a new chair in human rights law. Judge Sandra Oxner, wife of the late entrepreneur Donald Keddy, donated $1 million toward the new position, to which scholars, lawyers or judges may be appointed. It will be named for Keddy, the hotelier who was president of the John Howard Society, and for John Yogis, who taught at Dalhousie for 40 years before retiring in 2006.

» **URBAN-RURAL** Halifax is keen on splitting. A poll conducted by Corporate Research Associates suggests 55 per cent of residents think HRM should be split into city and county municipalities, while 34 per cent say there should be no urban-rural divide. The results are similar to surveys done from 2005 onward; earlier this year, 51 per cent were in favour of splitting, and 37 per cent opposed it.

» **CHARGE** Police have charged three men after seizing marijuana, cash and drug paraphernalia Wednesday. Two 20-year-olds and a 19-year-old are charged with possession for the purpose of trafficking; one 20-year-old is also charged with breaching a court order. METRO HALIFAX

Police seek two men for spreading phony $100 bills in Cole Harbour

By **RACHEL BOOMER**
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RCMP are searching for two men who spread phony $100 bills to three businesses in the Cole Harbour area earlier this week.

Police got their first complaint Tuesday night. RCMP Cpl. Joe Taplin said the bills bear the serial number JE9082711, and look like they've been printed with a laser printer, then washed to give them a used look.

« The shop owners really check them quite closely now. »
Cpl. Joe Taplin

"The shop owners really check them quite closely now," Taplin said.

He said counterfeit bills should be easy to spot. Check them against a second bill; counterfeit bills don't have the same raised ink on them. They also look different under police ultraviolet light.

The suspects are black men, 18 to 25, five-foot-nine, 150 pounds. Both wore black hoodies and pants. If you have information, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

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20 ticks sent for bacteria analysis

By **RACHEL BOOMER**
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Twenty black-legged ticks, the kind that can carry bacteria that causes Lyme disease, have been found near Shelburne.

The province has sent those ticks, which are from the Gunning Cove area, to be tested at the national microbiology lab in Winnipeg, to see if they actually carry the bacteria.

tips

» Health Promotion and Protection spokesman Lucas Wide suggests people wear light-coloured, long-sleeved shirts and pants, which make it easier to see and remove kicks. Use insect repellent with DEET, which repels ticks, and be sure to check yourself for ticks if you've been out in the woods or crawling in the grass.

Ticks that do carry the bacteria were identified in the Lunenburg area in 2003, and in the Admiral Cove area of Bedford in 2005. There have been 12 cases of Lyme in Nova Scotia since 2002.

You don't get Lyme disease from quick contact with an infected tick; it must be attached to your skin for about 24 hours.

Once bitten, you have a one to two per cent risk of becoming infected.

Even if you do get it, it can be treated with antibiotics.

Symptoms include a bulls-eye rash, fever, aching muscles, fatigue and headaches.

If it goes untreated, Lyme disease can cause heart or chronic joint problems.

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A Fredericton restaurateur has spun his way into catering for Leonard Cohen and his crew while Cohen tours the Maritimes. Naz Ali, also known as DJ Nasty Naz, travels North America spinning records in clubs and concert halls when he isn't operating his restaurant. SOURCE:CBC.CA

A harbour makeover

Kelly says plans in place to make harbour water safe

By **PAUL MCLEOD**
Metro Halifax



PAUL MCLEOD/METRO HALIFAX

Mayor Peter Kelly delivers his annual State of the Municipality Address yesterday at the Westin Hotel in Halifax.

By the end of the year you could be swimming in Halifax Harbour without that itchy rash.

Tests show the Harbour Solutions Project could make the harbour water safe to swim in the coming months, revealed Mayor Peter Kelly yesterday in his annual State of the Municipality Address at the Westin Hotel.

"We hope to see people swimming at Black Rock Beach and at the Dingle this year," said Kelly. "That's something we can all be proud of."

Kelly said the $333 million project, which involves building wastewater treatment plants in Dartmouth and Herring Cove, has already led to improved water quality.

Kelly's speech also presented rosy economic figures — a 3,600-person increase in average employment and the 8th best growth in the country behind seven Western Canadian cities.

His speech didn't address details of the report on violence to be released today. The report is the result of several roundtables held throughout the past year, sparked by the murder of United States sailor Damon Crooks outside an Argyle Street bar in November of 2006.

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>
> *Mayor Peter Kelley*

It contains many recommendations, but some councilors have raised concerns there's no money in the budget to act on them.

Kelly disagrees. He said if Halifax Regional Council makes the report a priority, they can find the resources.

"There are some recommendations we can implement quite soon," said Kelly. "Council can re-allocate, we can work with the police departments, we can work with the police commission … there's ways to move things around should the need be."

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Pilot survives rough landing

70-year-old man ends up in trees after engine fails

By **LINDSAY JONES**
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A 70-year-old man whose plane crashed into trees near Berwick yesterday walked away with barely a scratch.

The Mahone Bay man, who has about 45 years of flying experience, ran into trouble shortly after taking off from a nearby farmland used as an airstrip. It was the first voyage for the light single-engine plane.

> « *He attempted to land the plane, however lost control just short of the runway, which caused the plane to crash into a stand of trees* »
>
> *Const. Les Kakonyi*
> *Kings RCMP spokesman*

When the plane reached about 500 feet the engine quit, forcing the pilot to land, Kings RCMP spokesman Const. Les Kakonyi said.

"He attempted to land the plane, however lost control just short of the runway, which caused the plane to crash into a stand of trees," Kakonyi said. "It's currently still in the trees, but he was able to get out of the plane on his own steam."

Police say the pilot, who was the sole occupant, has "minimal injuries" and was treated at the scene by paramedics, but didn't have to be transported to hospital.

"Obviously his experience resulted in him not receiving serious injury," Kakonyi said. "He missed the runway, but landed in such a way that it was minimal damage to himself and to the plane."

Police say it's not known what caused the engine to cut out.

Kakonyi said police notified the Transportation Safety Board has also been notified about the crash and also reported fuel leakage, which was mostly cleaned up by the local fire department, to the Environment Department.

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Violence roundtable results released today

The results of the mayor's roundtable on violence and public safety will be made public at city hall today. A report will be presented to Mayor Peter Kelly, members of regional council, and roundtable stakeholders by its author, Professor Don Clairmont. Kelly initiated the roundtable in November 2007 to address crime and perceptions of crime throughout Halifax Regional Municipality.

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» **ARREST** Hiding in a tree didn't save a man from the police early yesterday. Police arrested two men who had broken into at least one car in the Portland Estates area at 2:55 a.m. A dog team chased the suspects for an hour, finding one in a backyard and the other up a tree. Police believe other cars might have been burgled; if you notice items missing from your car, call 490-5016.

» **CHARGES** Three youths have been charged with break and enter after a Sheridan Place, Halifax resident came home yesterday to find his window smashed. A 15- and a 17-year-old were arrested last night; the 15-year-old was also charged with another neighbourhood break and enter April 8. An 18-year-old is charged in this incident but is also facing drug charges.

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Pair charged with failing to register

Never reported as sexual offenders

Two Sydney men who were previously convicted of sexual assault in separate cases are now charged with failing to register as a sexual offender.

Bernard Alexander MacLellan, 60, was convicted in 2005 and sentenced to four months in jail. He was also ordered to register as a sex offender for a 10-year period. MacLellan was supposed to be in provincial court in Sydney this week to plea to the charge but when he failed to show, a warrant was issued for his arrest.

Meanwhile, 51-year-old Montford Kim Lemoine, of Bentinck Street, was also convicted of sexual assault in 2005 and was ordered to register as a sex offender for life but has so far failed to do. Lemoine did appear in court and is scheduled back before a judge June 11 to enter a plea.

The National Sex Offender Registry was created in 2004 and was designed to give police instant access to information on sex offenders, including where they live.

The offenders register with their respective provincial registry which is linked to the national database. The general public does not have access to the registry.

It is an offence for an offender not to register as ordered by a court.

THE CAPE BRETON POST

Tatamagouche vote will raise tax rates

Village needs funds to pay for fire department

Tax rates in the village of Tatamagouche are on the rise.

The annual general meeting of the Tatamagouche Village Commission unanimously voted to raise rates that will increase revenue by $26,000 to purchase a new tractor, to save capital and to offer greater financial assistance to the Tatamagouche Fire Department.

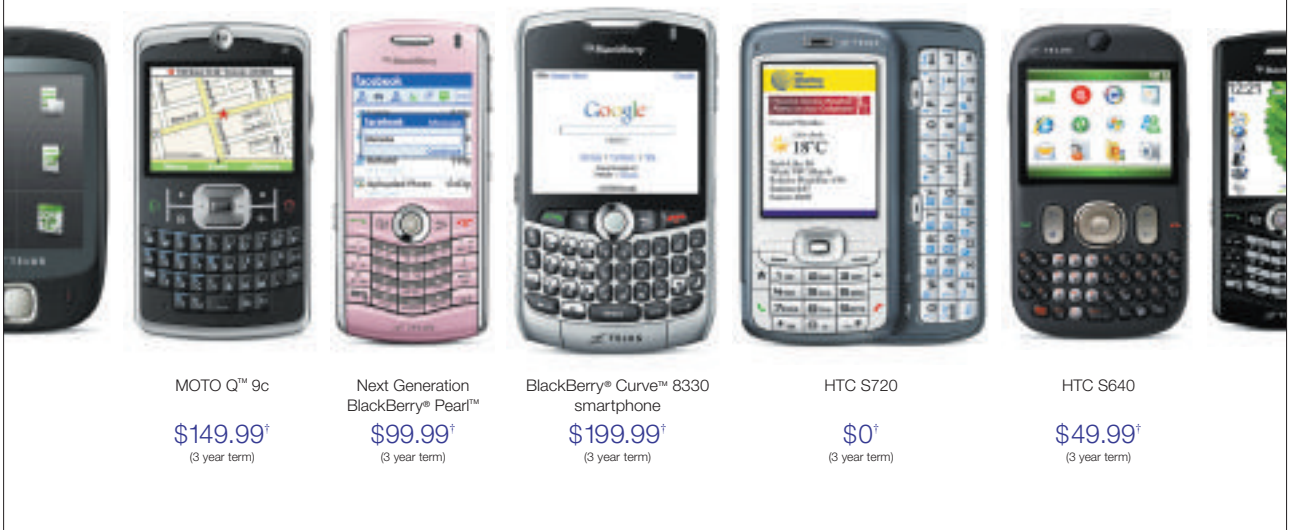
"The fire department grant has increased from $3,067 to just over $15,000," said commission chairwoman, Susan Weatherbie.

The grant will increase by one cent in each of the two consecutive years reaching 8 cents per $100 of assessed property value for the budget year 2010/2011.

Weatherbie said the overall increased tax rate from 23 cents per $100 of assessed property value to 34 cents, coincided with a reduction of the municipal fire hydrant tax rate by about 17 cents per $100 of assessed property value and the savings should be passed along to the fire department to help offset their expenses.

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Budget puzzles school boards

NUMBERS Superintendents at both local school boards are questioning why they received less money than expected in budget figures from the province this week.

Phonse Gillis said the Strait Regional School Board received a 0.68 per cent increase in its roughly $80 million budget — the smallest all boards — compared with an average of 2.5 per cent for other boards in the province.

The Cape Breton-Victoria Regional School Board received the third smallest increase, Supt. Ed Davis said, with a 1.6 per cent increase.

THE CAPE BRETON POST

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In Brief

» **REVENUE** A lack of a stable market for wooden pallets produced by the Haley Street Adult Services Centre has the non-profit society looking for other ways to generate revenue. The society has had to deal with a downturn as more companies switch from wood to other materials.

THE CAPE BRETON POST

Bagpipes **Cruising tunes**



RACHEL BOOMER/METRO HALIFAX

Pat LePoidevin plays the bagpipes for cruise ship passengers Pauline and John Barr yesterday morning on the Halifax waterfront. LePoidevin learned to play the bagpipes when he was nine, in Scotland.

Fuelling a downturn

Gas costs keeping U.S. visitors away, B&B owner says

By **PAUL MCLEOD**
Metro Halifax

Ever-climbing gas prices have fewer visitors coming to Canada and the Nova Scotia tourism industry bracing for a possible downturn.

"I'd be very surprised if everyone in the tourism industry isn't holding their breath to see how things are going to turn out," said Mike Kinley, owner of Pepperberry Bed & Breakfast in Halifax.

Kinley says they're not just worried about fewer travellers, but across-the-board cost increases.

"It's not just that higher oil costs makes flying more expensive and makes gas more expensive, it affects the whole economy," said Kinley. "And those costs are going to be passed onto us in totally different ways."

He said the costs tend to affect American visitors, while Canadian and European travellers have stayed constant.

A recent Statistics Canada report backs that up. This March was the fifth straight month to set a record low in visitors to Canada.

Strangely, Nova Scotia has seen the opposite trend so far. Visitors from the U.S. are up 25 per cent, while domestic visitors are down nine per cent, according to the Department of Tourism.

But department spokeswoman Wendy Barnable said the first-quarter sample size is small and she expects the numbers to fall in line with national trends.

One bright spot for local tourism operators is the cruise ship market. The Halifax Port Authority expects 131 vessels to bring 215,000 to 220,000 cruise ship passengers to Nova Scotia this year — an increase of about 40,000 people.

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Pictou Shipyard finds leaseholder

The cat is officially out of the bag — Pictou Shipyard has a new leaseholder.

Besim Halef, president of Banc Metal Industries in Halifax and owner of the property, confirmed that Aecon Fabco will take over from the Irving Group.

Ken McCormick, vice-president and general manager of the lessee, is expected to sign the papers today.

Halef already has business with Aecon — the fabrication company has leased a property of his in Dartmouth since 2001, and he describes their working relationship as "excellent". Halef is also pleased to see the property be put to good use, as the Irving Group laid off about 100 workers in 2004 and left the site idle since.

"It was our intent to see that the yard became operational again," Halef said.

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'Mother hen' honoured

Medics commend 12-year-old girl for delivering brother

By **LINDSAY JONES**
Metro Halifax



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Breanna Cross, to the left of mother Brandi Naugler and baby Chase, along with stepsister Teneal Perry, to the right, and Breanna's brother Donald Cross (crouching) celebrated Chase's birth with the emergency team who assisted them in April.

Breanna Cross says delivering her baby brother at home was "pretty scary" but she had no choice.

"Everyone else was scared half to death," said the 12-year-old about her two siblings. "It just happened so fast that I knew I had to do it."

The Grade 6 student was honoured yesterday at Sambro Elementary by Emergency Health Services paramedics for successfully delivering her baby brother, Chace Allen Perry on the night of April 1.

Her mom, Brandi Naugler, said her water had broken and it was evident that her husband wasn't going to get home fast enough from work during the snowstorm that night. So she woke up Breanna and they called 911.

"It's not every day you have a baby on the floor," Naugler said. "It's not as if we knew what to do."

Dispatcher Sean Murphy gave Breanna, who her mom calls the "mother hen of the house," step-by-step instructions.

"She just started pushing and I'm like 'Mom, please don't push.' She's like 'Well I have to,'" Breanna said.

Naugler said her daughter took control, throwing out commands to her siblings to get towels and blankets.

The hardest part, Breanna said, was catching her baby brother.

"I was nervous, but I was like 'Just catch him. That's all that matters right now — just catch him.' And then I caught him and gave him to my mom. He was all slimy."

Breanna wiped his mouth and swaddled him in blankets. Her grandmother, who arrived in the meantime, cut and tied the umbilical cord.

"It was 20 minutes from the time my water broke to the time he was out," Naugler said. "I tried to stay as calm as possible to keep her calm.

"She did an awesome job."

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boy meets dad

» Naugler said her husband was "pretty panicked" but was impressed when he arrived home and met Chace. "He had thought it was an April Fool's Day joke."

Games facility causes uproar

Clayton Park group wants plans open to public input

By **LINDSAY JONES**
Metro Halifax

A Clayton Park community group is gathering tomorrow to demand the city shares its plans for a Mainland Common Community Centre and Canada Games facility.

"It's time that the secrecy stops and that (the city) gets input from some of the stakeholders involved," said Francis MacDonald, a member of the Build it Right steering committee. "We're being hoodwinked."

The group wants the city to include a 50-metre, Olympic sized pool in the facility designated for the 2010 Canada Games, but while Rockingham-Wentworth Coun. Debbie Hum said a pool is included in the plans, it will be smaller.

Hum said the city hasn't presented the full scope of the project to the public because it's waiting on the federal government to approve funding.

"We're encouraging residents to be patient," Hum said.

"This will be a flagship recreation centre, a legacy facility for the Canada Games."

Hum said the city will present plans to the community when funding is confirmed. She said drastic changes won't be possible because of a tight construction timeline.

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march

» The Build It Right group marches tomorrow at 11 a.m. from the Mainland Common Soccer parking lot to the Mainland Common.

»news In Brief

» **FERRY** Tourism leaders in southwest Nova Scotia recently got assurances that a long-term solution is being sought for the future of the Bay of Fundy ferry service between Digby and Saint John. Mark MacDonald, president and CEO of Bay Ferries, says his company and government are focused on meeting the needs of southwestern Nova Scotia and the province as a whole. The future of the service has been in doubt since July 2006 when Bay Ferries said it would no longer operate the Princess of Acadia on what MacDonald termed "a purely private basis," prompting the federal and provincial governments to invest in the service for a until January 2009. THE DIGBY COURIER

» **CHALET** A new executive chalet development at the Pictou Lodge resort, representing the start of a five-year plan to grow, is expected to open in June. Resort manager Alain Bosse says, "What we're trying to do is diversify the property enough that it could support itself, even if the tourism industry is in decline or goes in a different direction." The upcoming developments at the lodge include a pub and conference centre, more chalets, and a heath centre and indoor pool. NEW GLASGOW NEWS

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Waddah Mustapha — who claimed in a lawsuit he lost his sex drive after finding two dead flies in a bottle of drinking water — yesterday saw his case dismissed by the Supreme Court of Canada. REUTERS

Ski jumpers sue for berth

Olympic lawsuit targets VANOC

By **KRISTEN THOMPSON**
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Lindsey Van, left, 12-time women's ski jumping American champion, and Jessica Jerome, four-time U.S. national champion, are both plaintiffs in a class-action lawsuit against VANOC.

Four female ski jumpers said yesterday they had no choice but to take the Vancouver Organizing Committee to court to get their sport, for which men can compete, into the 2010 Games.

The suit's claimants, nine women from seven countries, including Canada's Marie-Pierre Morin, said excluding them is tantamount to discrimination.

Lindsey Van, an American plaintiff, said the fight should have been over years ago.

"It's 2008," she said. "It's very frustrating."

Deedee Corradini, president of Women's Ski Jumping USA, said they've tried every other avenue to get the sport into the 2010 program.

"This is the time and place," she said. "This issue isn't going."

Ross Clark, with Davis LLP, the firm representing the claimants, said VANOC, not the IOC, is being sued because it receives government funding.

"Because it is carrying out government policy to put on and host a successful Games it is subject to the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, which prohibits discrimination based on gender."

VANOC CEO John Furlong said he's not in a position to comment on the case.

"It's entirely the IOC's jurisdiction to decide what's in the program," he said.

Yesterday the IOC said the decision was made two years ago to exclude women's jumping because of a lack of international appeal, major competitions and not enough competitive athletes.

Carbon tax unfair: Layton

A carbon tax would place an unfair burden on low-income Canadians, Jack Layton said yesterday.

"Those advocating a carbon tax suggest that by making the costs for certain things more expensive, people will make different choices," Layton said. "But Canada is a cold place and heating your home really isn't a choice."

The New Democratic Party leader was at a fundraiser for an Ottawa homeless shelter to talk about poverty, and said the most effective way to combat climate change would be a cap-and-trade system that penalizes industrial polluters with emissions above a certain level, a plan that was previously supported by the Liberals. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

»news In Brief

» **SCIENCE** Microbes have been found living at a record depth of 1.6 km in the seabed off Newfoundland, the journal Science reported yesterday.

» **RULING** Omar Khadr finds out today whether the transcripts from his interrogations by Canadian authorities at Guantanamo Bay and other documents compiled on his case will be released. Canada's Supreme Court has been asked to rule on whether the government should hand over that information to Khadr's Canadian lawyers.

» **FRAUD** Immigration officials have a new tool to crack down on those using phony marriages to come to Canada. Citizenship and Immigration Canada, according to news reports, is now sending five-person investigative teams around the world, especially to high-fraud regions such as India, China and Vietnam, to gather intelligence on staged marriages. Immigration officials would not confirm the establishment of such overseas teams. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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A Missouri car dealer said yesterday sales have soared at his auto and truck business since launching a promotion this week that promises buyers a free handgun or a $250 gas card with every purchase. REUTERS

Food prices to stay

High costs could force millions into hunger: Reports

basic rights threatened?

» A dramatic rise in global prices threatens the basic human right to food and may undermine others like health and education, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Louise Arbour said yesterday.

High food prices are here to stay for the foreseeable future, potentially forcing millions more people into hunger, two reports from the United Nations and the OECD showed yesterday.

A surge in commodity prices in the last year was not a blip and prices will remain at or above current levels for at least the next decade as some of the main underpinning factors — demand for a richer diet, the rise of biofuels and high oil prices — will remain, one of the reports said.

In a 10-year look-ahead at likely food price scenarios, to be published next week, the FAO and the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development saw no return to pre-crisis levels.

"On average over the coming 10-year period, nominal prices for cereals, rice and oilseeds are expected to be 35 per cent to 65 per cent higher than on average in the past 10 years," said a summary of the Agricultural Outlook report seen by Reuters.

"Prices in real terms are projected to be 10 per cent to 35 per cent higher than in the past decade." REUTERS

»news In Brief

» **MIDEAST** Israel set terms for concluding a peace deal with Syria yesterday, closing ranks with the U.S. in demanding Damascus distance itself from Iran and stop supporting Palestinian and Lebanese militants.

» **KENYA** Police said yesterday they had jailed 19 people suspected of burning to death 11 elderly Kenyan men and women accused of being witches in a case that has horrified the east African nation.

» **HEALTH** The World Health Organisation (WHO) is set to draw up a global strategy to tackle youth binge drinking and other forms of harmful alcohol consumption blamed for 2.3 million deaths a year, officials said yesterday.

» **NOMINATION** Attention is leaving the fading presidential candidacy of Sen. Hillary Clinton behind as the former front-runner faces what most see as impossible odds to win the Democratic nomination. REUTERS



80,000 dead or missing in China

More than 80,000 people are dead or missing from China's worst earthquake in decades, the government said yesterday, as concerns rose that disease, the rainy season and aftershocks could bring yet more pain.

A warning

» China yesterday warned that it would come down hard on anyone who stole, misappropriated or misused the billions of yuan in aid that has flowed to the southwest of the country following the deadly quake.

Previously, authorities had said they expected the final death toll to exceed 50,000.

Ten days after the magnitude 7.9 quake rocked the mountainous southwest of the country, relief efforts focused on the five million homeless and the millions of others facing disease and possible "secondary disasters."

The government implored the international community to provide more relief aid, saying it needed more than three million tents and just 400,000 had so far reached the disaster zone. REUTERS

Exiles Tibetan Olympics



DESMOND BOYLAN/REUTERS

Tibetan exiles hold the "Tibetan Olympics 2008" torch during a symbolic relay in Dharamsala, India, yesterday. A handful of exiled Tibetans in India began competing in what they said were the "Tibetan Olympics," an event high on symbolism meant to mock China, the host of the real Games in August.

UN chief sees devastation

UN chief Ban Ki-moon saw flooded rice fields and destroyed homes during his mission yesterday to bring large-scale international aid to 2.4 million people left destitute by Cyclone Nargis.

On a helicopter tour of the Irrawaddy Delta and a visit to one of the military government's relief camps and a distribution centre, Myanmar officials told the UN secretary-general the situation was under control.

But Ban said his main concern was to get his message across that the generals needed to open up to more foreign aid and expertise, which has been limited since the May 2 storm and sea surge left nearly 134,000 dead or missing. REUTERS

Forecasts predict bad storm season

The 2008 Atlantic hurricane season will be active with as many as nine hurricanes expected to form, U.S. government forecasters predicted yesterday.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration forecast 12 to 16 named storms this season, with six to nine developing into hurricanes. Two to five could be major ones of Category 3 or higher with winds above 110 miles per hour, the agency said in its annual forecast.

NOAA said there was a 60 to 70 per cent probability of its prediction being accurate, the first time the agency has issued a probability with its forecast. It follows the last two years when NOAA called for active hurricane seasons only to see little or no impact on the United States.

NOAA cited warm ocean water, favourable atmospheric conditions and the impact from La Nina in making its forecast of an active season. The hurricane season officially starts on June 1 and typically peaks between late August and mid-October. REUTERS

Oceans becoming acidic: Study

Carbon emissions are making sea water corrosive

Carbon dioxide spewed by human activities has made ocean water so acidic that it is eating away at the shells and skeletons of starfish, coral, clams and other sea creatures, scientists said yesterday.

Marine researchers knew that ocean acidification, as it's called, was occurring in deep water far from land. What they called "truly astonishing" was the appearance of this damaging phenomenon on the Pacific North American continental shelf, stretching from Mexico to Canada.

other regions also at risk

» Other continental shelf regions around the world are likely to face the same fate, Richard Feely said.

"This means that ocean acidification may be seriously impacting our marine life on our continental shelf right now, today," said Richard Feely of the Pacific Marine Environmental Laboratory, part of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. REUTERS

polygamy

Texas overstepped authority: Ruling

COURT Texas overstepped its authority when it removed some of about 460 children from a polygamist compound last month, a state appeals court ruled yesterday.

The ruling is the latest twist in an unfolding saga that has riveted Texas with lurid tales of adolescent brides, teen pregnancies and a secretive religious sect following its faith in the state.

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Online love often brief, blind: Study

RESEARCH Matches made over the Internet often do not last because people end up choosing unsuitable partners and forming emotional bonds before meeting face-to-face, an Australian university researcher has found. REUTERS

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THE DAILY BUSINESS BUZZ

Tidal energy project gets funds: Sydney-based DynaGen Technologies Inc. and Halifax's Dalhousie University are among 20 recipients of a total of $12 million in funding announced yesterday by International Science and Technology Partnerships Canada Inc. (ISTPCanada) for a science and technology initiative that will be developed with project partners in China. The project will conduct research on a novel linear generator system to harness tidal and wave energy. The goal is to develop a low-cost manufacturing technique that will result in less expensive energy using tides and waves.

Caribbean development show: A group of eight economists and business experts from the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) will visit Nova Scotia Halifax in late May to promote the region's growing economic and investment capabilities. The show will dovetail with the Annual General Meeting of the Caribbean Development Bank hosted by Canada in Halifax on May 28 and 29.

$9.7M budget for Yarmouth: Councillors for the Municipality of Yarmouth passed a $9.7 million budget at a meeting on Wednesday night. They also set the tax rate. The residential tax rate will remain at $1.16, although homeowners will most likely see a tax increase due to rising assessment fees. Meanwhile, the commercial rate is going up five cents to $2.15. Council decided some kind of increase was needed to offset the declining business occupancy tax, which the province is phasing out. Sewer rates remain at $285.

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» **TELECOMS** BCE Inc. shares fell 12 per cent on fears that a Quebec court ruling could kill its $34.8 billion buyout by a group of investors led by the Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan. The Quebec Court of Appeal late on Wednesday sided with debtholders who had complained the transaction — the world's largest leveraged buyout — was unfair. REUTERS

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The Dallas Stars signed Brett Hull, left, and Les Jackson to three-year contracts as co-general managers yesterday. Both were named interim co-general managers on Nov. 13, 2007. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Deals shaped Cup-bound Pens

Deadline trades were key to playoff run: GM



JASON COHN/REUTERS

Sidney Crosby, left, and Marian Hossa celebrate after eliminating the Philadelphia Flyers in the Eastern Conference finals. Hossa and other trade deadline acquisitions have proven to be a big factor in the Penguins' success.

The Detroit Red Wings can be counted among the Stanley Cup contenders just about every year.

The Pittsburgh Penguins didn't become true Stanley Cup contenders until Feb. 26, just before 3 p.m. It was trade deadline day, when the Penguins acquired sniper Marian Hossa, along with forward Pascal Dupuis and defenceman Hal Gill.

It was a day for jittery general managers to wear their best poker faces and find out if they had the guts to make the bold move. Penguins GM Ray Shero had been feeling out Thrashers GM Don Waddell since the all-star game in Atlanta, but had given up hope of landing Hossa.

"That morning, at 10 o'clock, we didn't have anything going," said Shero. "By 3 p.m., when all the deals fell into place, it was satisfying and nerve-racking all at the same time.

"Looking back to Feb. 26, it's how our team came together. Those guys have really helped us. Looking back, it feels good."

If trade deadline deals are judged by a team's success, then Shero may soon be hailed a genius if the Pens beat Detroit for the Stanley Cup, which begins tomorrow night in Motown.

The Red Wings made only one move that day, bringing in veteran defenceman Brad Stuart. GM Ken Holland was happy with a team that was dominating the league and would go on to finish first overall. The Wings were built on savvy drafting, patient development and the odd free agent acquisition.

The Penguins, by contrast, fast-forwarded themselves into contention when Shero made that bold move just minutes before the deadline. He surrendered Erik Christensen, Colby Armstrong, prospect Angelo Esposito and a first-round pick for Hossa and Dupuis. Shero had already acquired Gill from the Leafs for two draft picks.

Hossa, a sniper on Sidney Crosby's right wing, has dispelled the ghosts that haunted his past playoff appearances. Dupuis is a solid two-way player, Gill a stay-at-home blue-liner.

In acquiring the trio of veterans, the message sent to the dressing room was as important as the new players.

"That day we said, 'We could win this year. They're not waiting,'" defenceman Ryan Whitney recalled. "People talked about our team as a team that could win it in two or three years, and all of a sudden, we get Hossa and Hal Gill and Dupuis, and you say, 'All right, we're going for it this year. The time is now.'"

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»sports In Brief

» **NBA** Richard Hamilton scored 25 points, and Chauncey Billups scored 19 points and doled out seven assists as the Detroit Pistons held on for a 103-97 win over Boston last night in Game 2 of the Eastern Conference finals, evening the series at a game apiece and ending the Celtics' 15-game unbeaten streak at home. Ray Allen scored 25 points to lead Boston.

» **NHL** The Vancouver Canucks signed head coach Alain Vigneault to an extension and waved goodbye to a pair of his assistant coaches yesterday. Vigneault's deal will keep him in Western Canada through the 2009-10 season, while two of his assistants — Barry Smith and Mike Kelly — were fired. Grand Lake's Rick Bowness will remain on Vigneault's staff as an associate coach.

» **NHL** The Colorado Avalanche named Tony Granato head coach yesterday. Granato, who served as an Avs assistant last season, will be embarking on his second stint as Colorado's mentor.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Watch Danica make history



YORK REPORT
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Auto racing does nothing for me — in fact, I think it's a stretch to even classify it as a sport — but I will check out the Indianapolis 500 this Sunday, and I urge you to do likewise.

We could see history. Several auto-racing experts suspect a female — 26-year-old **Danica Patrick** of Wisconsin — could emerge victorious. And, if she does, we're told the world will be changed.

"She will change it by becoming an agent of reform, by using her victory to convince men to start measuring a woman by her skill instead of her bra size," says **Ian O'Connor** of Fox Sports.

"It will be a hell of a story if Patrick pulls it off, and an inspiration to young female athletes who have little use for the word can't."

Patrick already has won a significant race this year — the Japan 300 — but her Indy opposition will be more formidable. And yet, oddsmakers favour only five drivers ahead of her.

"Clearly," U.S. motorsports guru **Bill Center** says, "Patrick is fast enough. She has the equipment. This is her kind of track. She is a smooth driver. She has the ability to bleed every lap possible out of a tank of ethanol. She regularly outdistances rivals on a full tank, partly because, at 100 pounds, she's the lightest driver in the field."

Patrick has her critics, who say she's abrasive and a tireless self-promoter.

But on those smelly race tracks, where rancid fumes can cause irreparable damage to respiratory systems, Danica Patrick is a welcome breath of fresh air.

Here's hoping she records history Sunday.

» Please visit *metronews.ca* for a longer version of this column, along with my latest MLB Report.

SCOREBOARD

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STANLEY CUP FINAL
PITTSBURGH VS. DETROIT
Game 1 — Tomorrow
Pittsburgh at Detroit, 9
Game 2 — Monday
Pittsburgh at Detroit, 9

CONFERENCE FINALS
EASTERN CONFERENCE
BOSTON VS. DETROIT
Game 2 — Last night
Detroit 103 Boston 97
Game 3 — Tomorrow
Boston at Detroit, 9:30
(Series tied 1-1)

WESTERN CONFERENCE
L.A. LAKERS VS. SAN ANTONIO
Game 2 — Tonight
San Antonio at L.A. Lakers, 10
Game 3 — Sunday
L.A. Lakers at San Antonio, 9:30
(L.A. Lakers lead series 1-0)

NBA

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS
AMERICAN LEAGUE
Boston 11 Kansas City 8
Detroit 9 Seattle 2
N.Y. Yankees 2 Baltimore 1
Texas 8 Minnesota 7 (10 ings)
Toronto 4 L.A. Angels 3
Chicago White Sox 3 Cleveland 1
NATIONAL LEAGUE
Atlanta 4 N.Y. Mets 2
Florida 4 Arizona 0
Pittsburgh 8 Milwaukee 4
Philadelphia 7 Houston 5
Cincinnati at San Diego

TONIGHT'S GAMES
AMERICAN LEAGUE
Minnesota at Detroit, 8:05
Texas at Cleveland, 8:05
Seattle at N.Y. Yankees, 8:05
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Baltimore at Tampa Bay, 8:10
L.A. Angels at Chicago W. Sox, 9:11
Boston at Oakland, 11:05
NATIONAL LEAGUE
Chicago Cubs at Pittsburgh, 8:05
San Francisco at Florida, 8:10
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Pittsburgh Penguins captain Sidney Crosby, left, is vying to become the second Cole Harbour native in a row to win the Stanley Cup. Joe DiPenta won the Cup last year with the Anaheim Ducks. METRO HALIFAX

Star striker signs with Quincy's

Multi-Golden Boot winner expects to take on new role

By **MATTHEW WUEST**
Metro Halifax

Mary Beth Bowie may not be getting any younger, but the players around her certainly are.

The veteran Dartmouth soccer standout has a new home in the Nova Scotia Soccer League EastLink Premiership after longtime powerhouse Halifax Athens folded in the off-season.

She joins defending champion Halifax City Quincy's, a young team that dethroned her experienced Athens club in a changing of the guard in last year's provincial final.

The 29-year-old striker, a perennial all-star with multiple MVP and Golden Boot awards, expects to take a backseat, and plans to be more of a playmaker than a goal-scorer.

"The younger girls are going to be more fit and have more energy than me, so you have to play the game smarter," she said. "You're forced to (take a backseat). Whether I'd like to or not, I'll be passing the ball more than dribbling it."

Bowie will be handing off to teenage sensations Nkem Ezurike and Eunnie Kim with Quincy's, a team so deep and skilled that reigning Golden Boot winner Katie Prowse of Halifax could shift to the back as a defender this summer. The high-scoring Ezurike is a member of the Canadian under-17 team, while Kim has blazing speed that few can match.

Not surprisingly, head coach Carl Hayre said his team will play an "attacking style" that he hopes will yield plenty of goals.

Prowse, who plays at St. Francis Xavier during the school year, has long looked up to Bowie, a former member of the national team.



DAILY NEWS FILE PHOTO

Mary Beth Bowie has joined on with the Halifax City Quincy's this season after her old club, Halifax Athens, folded. Bowie is a perennial all-star and multiple Golden Boot winner.

She's looking forward to having her in the lineup.

"We have so many young players so it's good to have someone with so much experience," Prowse said. "Everyone knows she's a really good player. She's a great leader and she's always really intense in practice. It makes everyone better."

The Premiership season opens Sunday in New Glasgow.

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MacKay to run with the Keltics?

It's possible former Canadian rugby captain Morgan Williams and Defence Minister Peter MacKay will make appearances in the Nova Scotia Keltics lineup this season.



MacKay

Both are hoping to return to the lineup this season after suiting up in the Keltics' Rugby Canada Super League opener last weekend, a 49-5 road loss to the Niagara Thunder.

It all depends on scheduling, as MacKay is always on the move and Williams, who has retired from the national team, is working in Victoria, B.C., as a Rugby Canada coach.

Keltics head coach Troy Myers said both players are welcome in his lineup whenever they are available.

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Rugby club sets sights on Nationals

Head Coach looks to build with youth movement

By **MATTHEW WUEST**
Metro Halifax

The Nova Scotia Keltics have been stuck in a rut in recent years, and are going young to try and get out of it.

The Keltics, who host the Quebec Caribou tomorrow at 3 p.m. at Wanderers Grounds, haven't won more than one game in a Rugby Canada Super League season since 2003. That trend might continue this summer as they look to the future.

"We're setting our goal three years from now to be national champions and we've picked a lot of youth for that reason," Keltics head coach Troy Myers said. "We're in a rebuilding phase and we really just hope to be competitive."

The Keltics are already 0-1 after a 49-5 road loss to the Niagara Thunder last weekend. They're looking to get back to the success they had in 1998 and 2000, when they advance to the league final in their first and third seasons in the RCSL.



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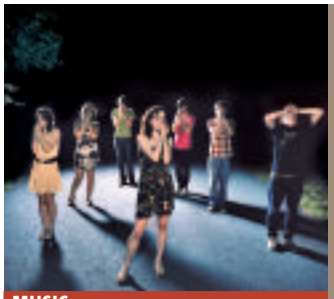
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Sex talk

Actress Kim Cattrall, who reprises her role as Samantha Jones in the upcoming Sex And The City movie, clears up rumours surrounding the making of the film.

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MUSIC

LOS CAMPESINOS! brings its raucous sound to this side of the Atlantic.

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SHE ACTS and she sings — Demi Lovato just may be the new Miley Cyrus.

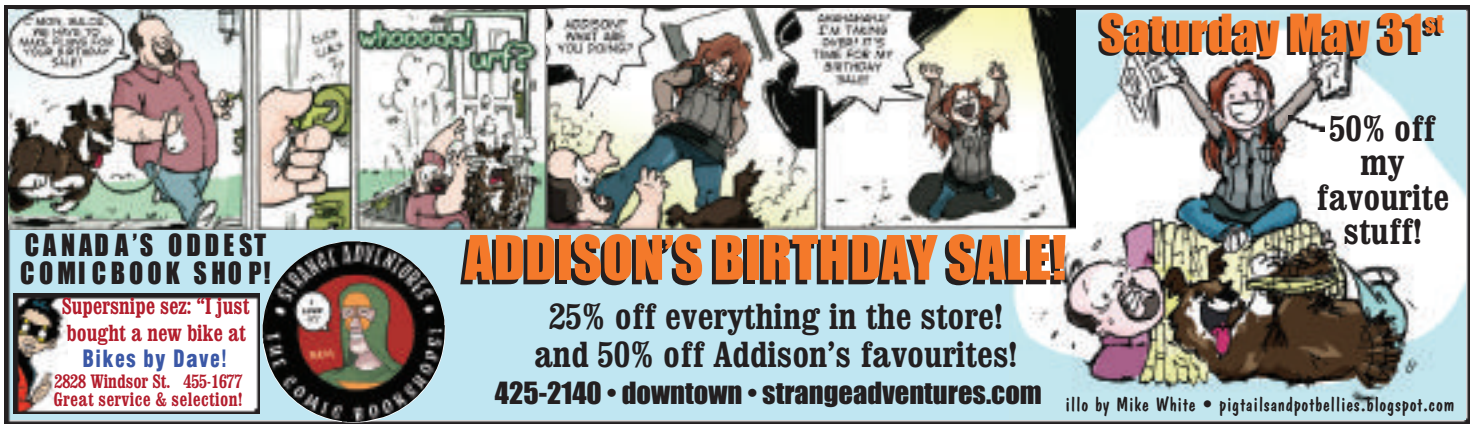
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ELLE CANADA

CANADIAN Alanis Morissette sings about loss on her upcoming album.

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music



Narrow Stairs, the new album from Death Cab For Cutie, left, has debuted at No. 1 in Canada on both the physical and digital album sales charts, according to Nielsen SoundScan. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Peasant rock's raucous sound

Welsh indie act Los Campesinos! crosses Atlantic

By **BRIAN TOWIE**
for Metro Halifax



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Los Campesinos! are touring North America in support of Hold On Now Youngster...

Profile LOS CAMPESINOS! kept their inebriated promises ... sort of.

Frame of reference time: The indie pop septet from Cardiff, Wales made a collective pie-in-the-sky vow in their early days that should they ever get big enough to play North America, they would all legally change their last names to Campesinos! (Spanish for peasants).

"We were all quite drunk at the time. It seemed like a good idea," notes drummer Ollie Campesinos! (All members of the band unofficial go by the last name in public).

Well, success has arrived for the peasants and they've yet to make the official change: in mid-May, the group embarked on its first full-length tour on this side of the pond to promote Hold On Now, Youngster..., bringing cheery, unconventional and often raucous rhythms (accentuated by glockenspiels and violins) with a tongue-and-cheek youthful angst all over the continent.

Ollie says he's excited about the wealth of English-speaking venues.

"It's very exciting to go to these places, especially the ones we've never seen," he said. "You get a variation of audiences from place to place — They tend to be more standoffish in London than they are in New York. But the best is that we can actually speak the same language as the people in North America. We're often embarrassed about not being able to speak French or German when we play in those countries."

Stops north of the border include Toronto, Montreal and Vancouver, but Los Campesinos! has a couple of Canadian connections beyond the comparisons the band gets with Arcade Fire ("I suspect it's because we use violins a lot," said Ollie.).

The 2007 single We Throw Parties, You Throw Knives is a shoutout to their pals You Say Party! We Say Die! The Vancouver-based indie rockers supported Los Campesinos! for several European dates, and crashed out at vocalist Gareth Campesinos!' house.

The more significant connection is with Broken Social Scene. The band recorded Hold On Now, Youngster... in Toronto with producer Dave Newfeld of BSS and is signed to the collective's Arts & Crafts label. No immediate plans to record with the notoriously collaborative group, however.

"Not unless they want to do Broken Social Scene Presents Los Campesinos!" Ollie laughs.

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metro movies

Coming back to the City

Cattrall needed out of New York for a while

By **CHRIS ATCHISON**
for Metro Halifax

FEATURE THE STARS of Sex And The City can finally put four years of speculation behind them.

A big screen adaptation of their hit 1998-2004 television show is finally set to strut its way into theatres, returning Carrie, Samantha, Charlotte and Miranda to their legions of Manolo Blahnik-wearing, Cosmopolitan-drinking fans.

But that long march into the feature film limelight came with its fair share of trials and tribulations. Namely, tabloid speculation that Canadian star Kim Cattrall, who reprises her role as the seductive and sex-obsessed Samantha Jones in the film, was the cast hold-out delaying production on the film.

Accusations rang out that Cattrall was feuding with series star Sarah Jessica Parker and that she refused to do a film for less money than Parker.

Cattrall explains that when the series wrapped in 2004, she was in a difficult emotional situation and needed time away from the show and the city of New York to regroup and regain her footing.

"At the same time (the series was ending) I was going through a divorce," the Courtenay, B.C.-raised actress explains.

"I had been through another divorce, but it had been private and this was incredibly public.

"I woke up one morning and it was all over the (New York) Post. It wasn't a column or a paragraph, it was all over the page, and speculating about my personal life. I've been very honest about many things, but I really didn't feel this was anybody's business.

"Then the show coming to an end and my dad was diagnosed with dementia shortly after that and that was the toughest thing of all ... I needed to take a timeout with my family.

"That's when I went back to Canada, started my own production company and decided I was going to spend less time in New York away from my family, I was going to spend more time in the vicinity of Canada. I was in Toronto for a time, then went to Vancouver, and then I went over to England and did a couple of plays where I have a lot of family, as well."


Kim Cattrall
GETTY IMAGES

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> Kim Cattrall

Cattrall says she was simply unable to build the emotional strength needed to convincingly resuscitate Samantha's sultry sensibilities. By early 2007, however, the 51-year-old found herself in a better place — her father had stabilized, she began dating, and accepted a script from Sex And The City writer-executive producer Michael Patrick King, who would go on to direct the feature film.

The rest is history, but in hind sight, Cattrall admits she has no regrets about waiting to make the film.

"We left at such a high place, if we had done the movie right after (the show stopped production), maybe it would have been too much.

"It's the anticipation, it's what you can't have that you really want."

» Sex And The City opens next Friday.

Angel does it all right

The Stone Angel
Stars Ellen Burstyn, Kevin Zegers
Director Kari Skogland
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By **CHRIS ATCHISON**
for Metro Halifax

REVIEW VETERAN CANADIAN TELEVISION director Kari Skogland has tamed a beast that has conquered many young Canuck students with her adaptation of the classic Margaret Laurence novel The Stone Angel.

The book, dissected by youngsters in English classes from coast to coast as part of school curriculums for years, has been finely translated to the big screen by screenwriter-director Skogland, whose passion for Laurence's 1964 masterwork is obvious. For those who weren't required to read the book in high school, The Stone Angel traces the life of 94-year-old Hagar Currie Shipley (30 Days' Ellen Burstyn) as she's about to be sent to live in a nursing home by her son Marvin (Spider-Man 3's Dylan Baker) and daughter-in-law Doris (The Day After Tomorrow's Sheila McCarthy).

Hagar manages to escape her nursing home fate by heading out on the lam, all the while recalling details from her past – her numerous lapses in judgment, her failed relationship with her husband Bram (The Break-Up's Cole Hauser) and conflicted relationship with her sons, to name but a few.

By the end of her journey, Hagar manages to find closure with Marvin in what can only be described as a sweeping meditation on aging and death that will surely force many audience members to begin pondering their own mortality.

This is all made possible by Skogland's adherence to the source material and her fine direction. Canadian actress Christine Horne does a fine job portraying the young, enigmatic Hagar, while Hauser and Baker are fantastic as Bram and Marvin, respectively.


Christine Horne stars in The Stone Angel.

But in the end it's Academy Award-winner Ellen Burstyn who injects life Hagar Shipley, bringing her rambunctious personality, her foibles and her seemingly indefatigable spirit to the fore in a performance that could easily earn her a seventh Oscar nomination.

Burstyn carefully crafts her version of Hagar with an eye to preserving her character's often prickly nature, her knack for repressing deep-seated emotions and her inability to deal with a secret that has haunted her for most of her adult life.

Skogland, Burstyn and a fine cast of supporting players have successfully done justice to Laurence's book, largely avoiding the mistakes that so many filmmakers encounter when trying to adapt epic novels for the big screen.

meet the director

» Director Kari Skogland will be doing a Q&A at the Oxford Theatre on Friday at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday at 2 and 6:30 p.m.

Quote OF THE WEEK

"(Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull director Steven Spielberg and writer George Lucas) wanted the character to have a switchblade. The thing became like a third arm. The floors are now disgusting in my house because there's all these knife gouges in the floor from me throwing the knife. I was on the Transformers press tour while I was getting my knives ready. So I'd take this knife with me to Italy and to Germany, and I'm trying to stash this switchblade in different places in my luggage so I don't get in trouble."

— Shia LaBeouf to ew.com on his role in Indiana Jones And The Kingdom Of The Crystal Skull


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Martin Scorsese, left, has exited the authorized Bob Marley documentary that's in the works, citing scheduling conflicts. Jonathan Demme has taken over the film, set for release Feb. 6, 2010, which would have been the late reggae singer's 65th birthday. EW.COM

Better with age

Critics mostly cheer return of Indiana Jones

Indiana Jones returns 19 years after his last adventure, and early reaction suggests the majority of Cannes film festival's notoriously picky critics are happy the whip-wielding archaeologist is back.

Harrison Ford reprises his most famous role in Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull, a high-octane fantasy set in the 1950s when Jones no longer faces Nazis but a KGB agent after the ultimate Cold War weapon — mind control.

There are plenty of jokes about 65-year-old Ford's age, and he reunites with Karen Allen, co-star in the first Indiana Jones movie, Raiders of the Lost Ark, released in 1981.

> « *Not as easy as it used to be.* »
>
> *Harrison Ford as Indiana Jones*

"Not as easy as it used to be," Jones mutters early on.

His young sidekick, Mutt Williams, played by Shia LaBeouf, at one point bluntly asks: "What are you, like 80?," and there are strong hints he will take over the mantle from Ford.

Australian actress Cate Blanchett, with severe fringe, dark hair and over-the-top Russian accent, plays evil Soviet agent Irina Spalko who races Jones to the secret of the crystal skull.

Warm, though not loud applause broke out as the credits rolled at the first press screening ahead of a glitzy evening red-carpet event, and early online reviews were mostly positive.

"Nineteen years after their last adventure, director Steven Spielberg and star Harrison Ford have no trouble getting back into the groove with a story and style very much in keeping with what has made the series so perennially popular," wrote Todd McCarthy of trade publication Variety.

But Kirk Honeycutt of Hollywood Reporter told Reuters: "They (the audience) got a rollercoaster that didn't seem to want to stop for nearly two hours and they didn't get much story, or character, or wit or plot. "We're all kind of bewildered about what they thought they were making."



Harrison Ford, 65, reprises his most famous role in Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull.

Thousands of people crowded outside the Grand Theatre Lumiere cinema in a sun-kissed Cannes to get a glimpse of the stars.

Asked if he, Spielberg and Ford planned a fifth Indiana Jones movie, George Lucas, who conceived the film, replied: "Harrison, Steven and I haven't talked about it. We can't do it unless I can come up with a good idea, which I haven't."

REUTERS

Egoyan's Adoration puts web 'cliche' to test

Who said the Web was worldwide? Not director Atom Egoyan, whose new film Adoration explores just how confining cyberspace can be when a teenager confronts a culture clash that has damaged him and his family.

Adoration premiered yesterday at the Cannes film festival, and following a press screening, Egoyan challenged the notion that the world wide web has fostered a global community.

"That's the cliche of the Internet, but the reality is that it exists in small interest groups," Egoyan told reporters.

In Adoration, the key character is a Toronto teenager named Simon who confesses to a small web chat room containing only his friends that his Middle-Eastern father planted a bomb in the suitcase of his Canadian mother, who was pregnant with Simon at the time, as she boarded a plane to Israel.

> « *These are ultimately really closed communities that are responding to each other. It's just drowned out by kind of a global noise.* »
>
> *Director Atom Egoyan*

The bomb was discovered, and no one was hurt. But Simon's confession touches off a firestorm of controversy on the web and fuels a wide range of reactions — from sympathy to empathy and from love to hate.

But Egoyan does not see the response as coming from a singular collection of people all connected by the web, but rather as reactions by different groups of web users who have happened onto a small piece of information on the Internet.

"These are ultimately really closed communities that are responding to each other. It's just drowned out by kind of a global noise," Egoyan said.

REUTERS

Wenders 'Shooting' for gold at Cannes

Wim Wenders' latest film, the thriller Palermo Shooting, is generating more excitement than anything the 62-year-old German auteur has made since 1999s Buena Vista Social Club.

The story of a photographer who flees his hometown in Duesseldorf and rediscovers life in the historic Sicilian capital, the competition entry stars Andreas "Campino" Frege, frontman of German rock band Die Toten Hosen. It premieres on Saturday, the day before the winner of the festival's coveted Palme d'Or is announced.

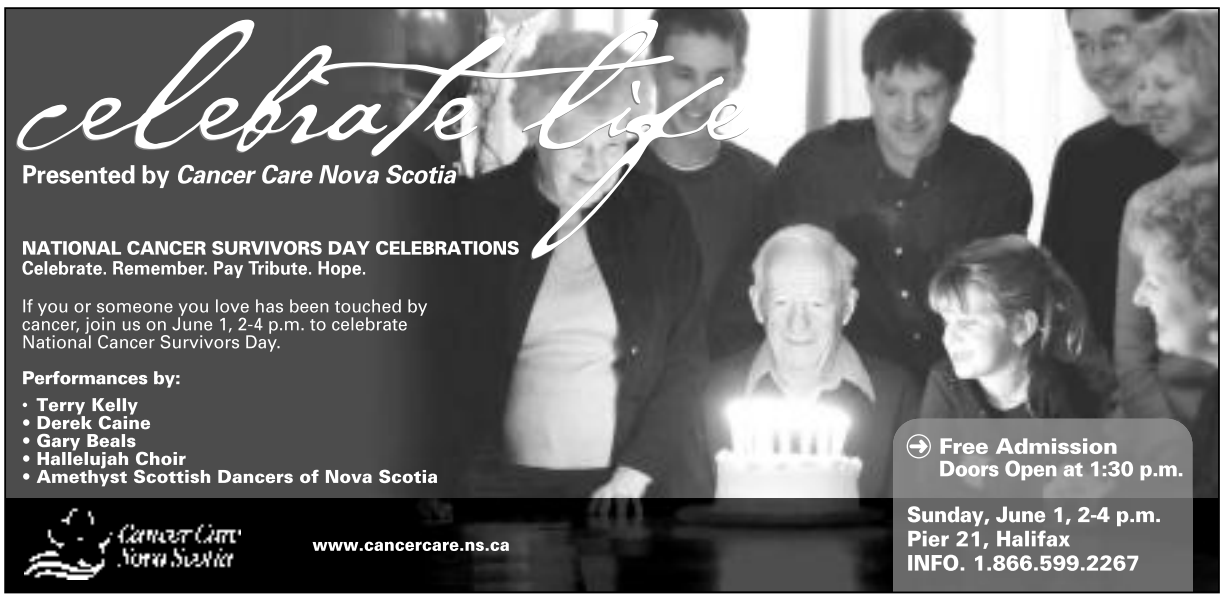
Q: You were really down to the wire getting this movie ready for Cannes. Is it finished?

WENDERS: I finished the end credits Monday night and had the final version delivered Wednesday. It's been a little nerve wracking. We knew that we were going to be late, and that's one of the reasons we are at the very end of the festival. When we watched the opening of the festival on television we were in the medium stage of mixing. It was close.

Q: Palermo Shooting is the first film you've shot in your hometown of Duesseldorf. What brought you back?

WENDERS: Yes, I've never shot a film in my hometown, except for shooting some Super 8 as a kid. Partly it was my choice of lead actor. Campino is from Duesseldorf and he is a true Duesseldorfer and a local hero, because his band — the Toten Hosen — are the biggest rock band in Germany and they are from Duesseldorf. I wrote the story for Campino...I wanted the actor to be from Duesseldorf, because Duesseldorf is the home of all the great contemporary photographers in Germany.

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The Strangers in the fright

First-time director finds horror genre

By **ANN-MARIE COLACINO**
for Metro Halifax

FEATURE THE EVENTS that take place in the horror thriller The Strangers will have audiences fearful, but if you ask writer/director Bryan Bertino, it was the behind the scenes that most frightened him.

As a first-time director working with a star-studded cast including Liv Tyler and Scott Speedman, Bertino, 30, admits that during production he was often the most inexperienced person in the room.

"When I sold the script initially I never tried to attach myself as the director because I had no concept of Hollywood," he says, adding he was very grateful when Rogue Pictures eventually asked him to direct.

Set in a secluded vacation home, The Strangers tells the story of a couple whose getaway turns into a night of terror when three masked strangers attack. Loosely inspired by Bertino's penchant for true crime novels like Helter Skelter, the movie largely emphasizes the eeriness of arbitrary violence. "I have always been drawn to human sadness and fear — both those things cut people to the core ... and remind (them) of the things that matter," he says.

Using natural lighting and warm colours as well as not specifying the geographical location were employed to help place audience members inside the house, thus heightening the fear.

"I didn't want people to have a safety net," explains the Los Angeles-based Bertino. "Emphasizing the randomness, emphasizing that it could happen to anybody is a really crucial thing."

Another important factor was adding drama and depth to the characters, he says. "I wanted people to care about (James and Kristen) as if the strangers never came to the door."



Writer-director Bryan Bertino on the set of The Strangers.

When casting, the goal was to get actors fresh to the horror genre and what appealed to Bertino about both Tyler and Speedman was their experience yet lack of typecasting. "I felt like it gave me the plus of being able to have some familiarity while at the same time not being so locked in that you were amazed that they were going in a different direction."

» The Strangers opens next Friday.

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Adventure films of all time:

1. Raiders of The Lost Ark (1981)
2. The Adventures of Robin Hood (1938)
3. Star Wars (1977)
4. The Treasure of The Sierra Madre (1948)
5. The Lord Of The Rings series (2001-03)

— Metro News Services

Horne steps up to Stone Angel

By **CHRIS ATCHISON**
for Metro Halifax

Stepping onto a film set for the first time is difficult for any actress.

Stepping on a set to play an iconic Canadian literary character is another matter altogether, as Aurora, Ont.,-born actress Christine Horne discovered when she took on the role of the young Hagar Currie Shipley in the screen adaptation of Margaret Laurence's classic 1964 novel The Stone Angel.

The 26-year-old Horne relished the opportunity to play the conflicted character — one noted for her frailties and humanness — qualities which have come to define the novel as a whole.

Taking on the complex part was tough, Horne admits, but sharing a role with Oscar-winner Ellen Burstyn, who portrays Shipley in her twilight years, was particularly daunting.

"It was a challenge partly because the material was tricky and I was spanning quite a few years.

"I'd never done film before and I was sharing a role with Ellen Burstyn so it was a set of challenges on every conceivable level." Like so many who have been exposed to, and come to appreciate, The Stone Angel's thematic undertones, Horne began a meditation on her own mortality during filming, much as the nonagenarian Shipley does throughout the film in a series of flashbacks as she searches for emotional closure. "The people in my life who are (in their 90s like Shipley) I've frozen in time," Horne explains.

"I've had this feeling that my grandma's always been my grandma, but she's had an entire life behind her and she has been the ages that I have been and has gone through the things that I've gone through.

"It also made me look at the decisions that I have or have not made, and look at the experiences that I go through, and think about how they're going to add up and how they're going to contribute to the person that I am when, God willing, I make it to 90, the person that I'm going to be then because of the things that I'm doing now."

» The Stone Angel opens in theatres today.



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Christine Horne, right, shares a role with Oscar-winner Ellen Burstyn in The Stone Angel.



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FORGETTING SARAH MARSHALL (18) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Thu 12:45-3:45-7:10

HAROLD & KUMAR ESCAPE FROM GUANTANAMO BAY (18) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Thu 1:05-3:30-6:45-9:10

INDIANA JONES AND THE KINGDOM OF THE CRYSTAL SKULL (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes, Stadium Seating Fri 12:15-12:45-1:15-1:45-3:15-3:45-4:15-4:45-6:30-8-9-9:30-10:15 Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes, Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 12:15-12:45-1:15-1:45-3:15-3:45-4:15-4:45-6:30-7:15-8-9-9:30-10:15 Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes, Stadium Seating Mon 12:15-12:45-1:15-1:45-3:15-3:45-4:15-4:45-6:30-8-9-9:30-10:15 Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes, Stadium Seating Tue-Thu 12:15-12:45-1:15-1:45-3:15-3:45-4:15-4:45-6:30-7:15-8-9-9:30-10:15

IRON MAN (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:10-1-3:3:50-6:40-7:10-9:30-10

MADE OF HONOR (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:30-4-6:50-9:20

NIM'S ISLAND (G) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Thu 1:15-3:40

SEX AND THE CITY (STC) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating, No Passes, Sneak Preview Thu 10

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INDIANA JONES AND THE KINGDOM OF THE CRYSTAL SKULL (PG) Stadium Seating, Rear Window Captioning, No Passes Fri-Thu 12:15-3-6:20-9:20 Stadium Seating, No Passes Fri-Thu 1-4-7:10

IRON MAN (PG) Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:40-3:40-6:50-9:40

MADE OF HONOR (PG) Stadium Seating Fri-Wed 12:50-3:10-6:40-9:05 Stadium Seating Thu 12:50-3:10-6:40

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SEX AND THE CITY (STC) No Passes, Stadium Seating Thu 10

WHAT HAPPENS IN VEGAS (PG) Dolby Stereo, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:15-3:50-7:10-9:50

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Ben Barnes plays the title character in The Chronicles Of Narnia: Prince Caspian, which is currently in theatres.

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SPEED RACER (PG) Stereo Fri 6:30-9:20 Stereo Sat 2-6:30-9:20 Stereo Sun 2-6-8:50 Stereo Mon-Thu 6:30-9:20

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Right: Lizard motif cuff, $35, Aldo Accessories







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Transform yourself into a fantastical female with a bold cuff accessory. Above, left to right: Missoni geometric cuff, $795, Holt Renfrew; Multi-coloured stone bracelet, $114, Nine West; Ben Amun, $135, Holt Renfrew.

FROM THE STRONG-shouldered power women on spring runways to the blockbuster exhibition Superheroes: Fashion and Fantasy now on at the Costume Institute at the Metropolitan Museum in New York, the superhero has thundered into the fashion world with a Wham! Pow! Snap!

And it appears the rest of the world is also looking for larger-than-life, albeit, familiar heroes. Iron Man recently smashed the movie box office. Anticipation is high for the return of The Dark Knight and even the Incredible Hulk is getting another chance to wow us this summer.

"Over the past couple of years, fashion has seen the return of a more aggressive femininity, one that harks back to the overtly sexualized fashions of the 1980s," says Andrew Bolton, curator of the Met exhibition. "Then as now, the concept of the superhero is reflected in fashions that are both anti-nostalgic and unsentimental."

But what can real women — mere mortals — take from the wardrobe arsenal of the superheroine to transform herself into a fantastical female?

Few women have the superior bodies of these larger-than-life glamazons who can somehow kick ass in stiletto boots, bustiers and second-skin body suits. Most fantasy comics artists were, after all, male and the genre was aimed at young men.

What about the seemingly simple cuff, like the bullet-deflecting kind Wonder Woman wore?

> « *On the surface, fashion and superheroes may seem like strange bedfellows, but they share surprising similarities.* »
>
> *Andrew Bolton, curator of the Met's Superheros exhibition*

It's a universal equalizer — you can be any dress size or age and don a cuff.

The wide bracelet is a hot fashion item this season and they come in a dazzling array of materials including precious metals, resin, molten leather and gem encrusted. Okay, so there aren't any made of "feminum" like Diana Prince's but they still pack a punch.

Slip on a wide cuff and it immediately gives heft to delicate wrists, signifying strength and power. The over-sized width, like a gauntlet, also gives the appearance of protection.

"The minute you put it on, it puts you in a different frame of mind. You feel like a super individual," says jewellery designer and retailer Basia Polowska.

"It exudes a feeling of power and it's visually strong because it's wide. There is a degree of protection. You feel powerful but at the same time you feel protective."

Carole Tanenbaum, the renowned curator and connoisseur of vintage costume jewellery, also agrees that a cuff conveys superstrength. "It's very visual. It's one of the first things you notice because it's on your hands and the hands are the expression of the your soul. Other jewellery doesn't have the same impact."



John Hardy hammered sterling silver, $1,495, Holt Renfrew.

Today you can find a wide cuff from the cheap chic stores like H&M to seriously chic Tiffany's.

"You can get the same effect wherever you get it," says Tanenbaum.

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Rehab Rock

On her latest album, Alanis Morissette reveals her grown-up take on love, loss and moving on.

By Karen Bliss
Contributing Writer

Alanis Morissette is all smiles as she sits for an interview in the depths of Toronto's Air Canada Centre, just 35 minutes before she opens for Matchbox Twenty. Other less confident musicians might refuse to do press before a concert; Morissette, however, doesn't appear stressed at all.

You don't have to be a celeb sleuth to figure out that her ex, Ryan Reynolds, is the likely muse for Torch, a song from her forthcoming album, Flavors of Entanglement. The pair announced their split last year, and Reynolds is now engaged to Scarlett Johansson.

"Torch is the I-miss-you song," says Morissette. "I don't ever talk about who it's about, but I think you can draw your own conclusions," she says, laughing.

With the exception of the Reynolds relationship, Morissette has only graced the media in a positive light. So, what exactly is a "rock-bottom moment" for this talented, wealthy and wise woman? "When there is no more sense of control. It's that proverbial, suicidal 'I don't want to do this anymore' moment."

As for finding new love, Morissette realizes that she isn't an easy catch. "I'm too exhausting to be loved," she says. "I'm still on a recovery journey."

OCEAN SPRAY Cool off this summer with deep-water facial mists.

Is your skin feeling hot and bothered? Pollution, sunshine, humidity — all of these can aggravate an otherwise-calm complexion. Facial mists based on sea-water minerals, essential oils and botanicals promise to take the sting out of summer skin. "They're very soothing," says Dr. Jensen Yeung, medical director of the dermatology program at Women's College Hospital in Toronto. One of the key benefits of facial mists, says Yeung, is "the prevention of water loss when they are applied immediately prior to using a moisturizer." In the summer, spraying your skin regularly can also lessen the redness that comes from sun exposure. **TRISSE LOXLEY**



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Editors' Pick

LASER QUEST

The launch of Biotherm's new anti-cellulite line, Celluli Laser, inspired ELLE to share some tips for smooth, satiny skin. Avoid sugar, which triggers the glycation process and causes cellulite. Exercise to increase circulation and prevent fluid buildup. Exfoliate to stimulate circulation and smooth skin. Camouflage with a self-tanner.



Biotherm Celluli Laser Scrub Starter Slimming Exfoliator ($39)

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Mix colours, prints and textures!



Nylon and Lycra two-piece ($54, American Eagle Outfitters)

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Nylon and Lycra two-piece ($70, Aqua La Vie en Rose)

Nylon and Lycra maillot ($24, Joe Fresh Style)

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TOP BAUBLES

Pop diva Nelly Furtado is a fan of Canadian jewellery designer Shannon Hazell: She wore Hazell's glam gold-brushed brass hoops and cascading oversized-C earrings in her Do It video and on her European and American tours. A trained metalsmith, Hazell is also a jewellery designer for Roots Canada ($15 to $80, 416-781-3121, *www.stores.ebay.com/shannon-hazells-store*).

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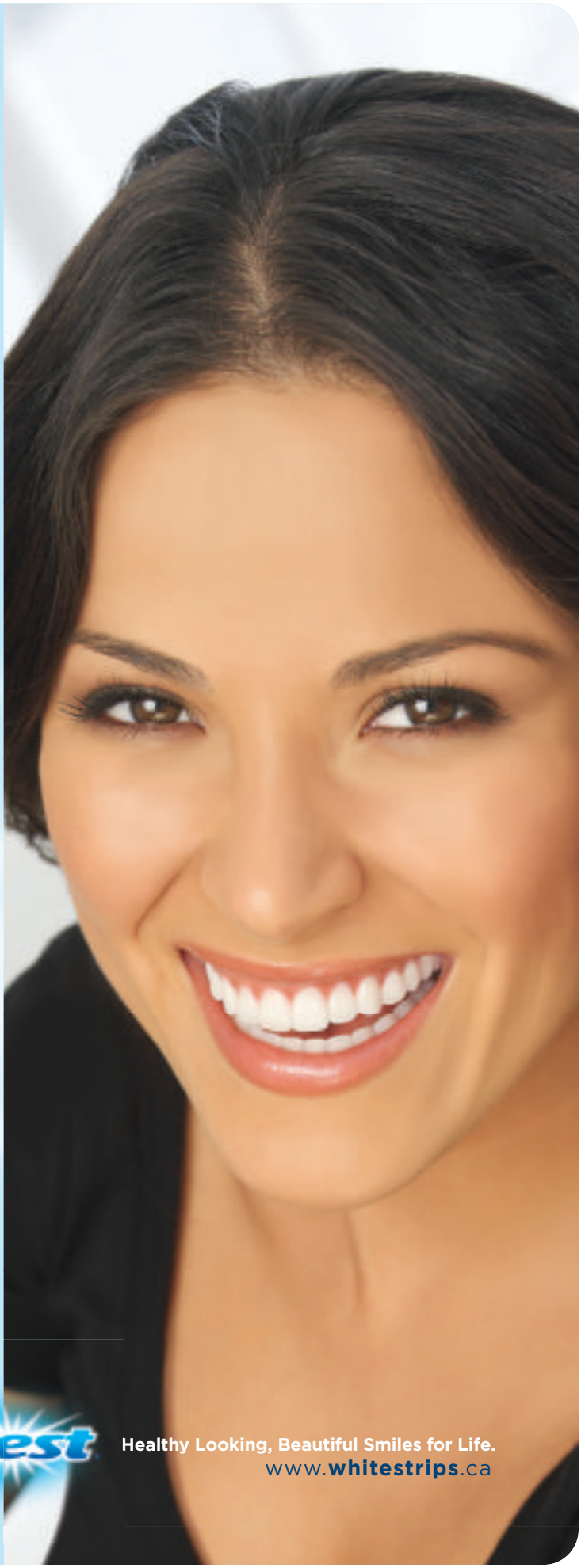
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Martin Kelly, the husband of British actress Natascha McElhone (Californication), left, died suddenly in London on Tuesday. He was 42. The actress is pregnant with their third child. BBC NEWS ONLINE

Move over, Miley Cyrus

Disney eyeballs new teen queen

LOOK OUT, Miley and Hilary, here comes Demi.

Disney Channel has ordered Welcome To Mollywood, a live-action comedy series starring Demi Lovato of the network's upcoming Jonas Brothers movie Camp Rock.

It's a role that could potentially put Lovato on the teen queen career path trod so successfully by Miley Cyrus and Hilary Duff.

The tentatively titled series centres on Molly (Lovato), a 15-year-old small-town girl who, after a nationwide search, is chosen to join the cast of the most popular and long-running teen sketch comedy show on television.

The sitcom will feature a show-within-a-show with fully produced comedy sketches.



ANDREW H. WALKER/GETTY IMAGES

Demi Lovato not only acts, but she sings, too.

Lovato was introduced to Disney Channel viewers last year in the shortform comedy series As The Bell Rings. She also co-stars in Disney's upcoming TV movie Princess Protection Program.

Lovato also has a recording contract with Disney's Hollywood Records, and will tour with the Jonas Brothers in the summer.

The Mollywood cast also includes Tiffany Thornton, Brandon Mychal Smith, Doug Brochu and Allisyn Ashley Arm. It is set to go into production in September. REUTERS

Fox may be returning to CSI

JORJA FOX has inked a deal to return for CSI: Crime Scene Investigation's ninth-season premiere next fall, tvguide.com reports sources as having confirmed.

Specifics of her comeback are being kept secret, but one source says Fox "won't be appearing in a flashback."

The likely scenario has Fox's character Sara Sidle returning to Vegas to mourn her former colleague Warrick Brown, who was shot (and presumably) killed in last week's finale.

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Party Maxim's moment



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The Hills star Audrina Patridge arrives at Maxim's 2008 Hot 100 Party at Paramount Studios in Los Angeles Wednesday.

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HELL COMES TO YOUR HOUSE: The New Thirty is the title of a new sitcom being developed for Rosie O'Donnell and Fran Drescher, according to an AM New York story yesterday. No network was mentioned as the future home for the series, which will feature the two women as high school friends who reconnect with each other as tenants in a Manhattan apartment building.

"It's kind of Sex And The City but we ain't getting any," Drescher told In Touch Weekly. "It'll probably be more like 'The Odd Couple.' I'll be Oscar and [Rosie will] be Felix."

Well, there's a show that will probably be made infinitely more bearable by closed captioning.



JOE CORRIGAN/GETTY IMAGES

The New Thirty is the title of a new sitcom for Rosie O'Donnell and Fran Drescher, above.

ALL GLORY IS FLEETING, UH, I GUESS: : It seems I only heard about her last week, but already Tila Tequila has proclaimed fame wanting and expressed her desire to retire from the spotlight with the conclusion of this season of MTV's A Shot At Love With Tila Tequila.

Famous mostly for wearing very little in magazines and being bisexual on cable television, Tequila told Entertainment Weekly that "this lifestyle is fun and I worked hard for it, but I think in the long run, it's a lot. I just wanna be in love for the rest of my life and move to an island and have kids."

"I wanna do meaningful stuff," the diminutive model said. "After a while you reach your goals and then what?"

Indeed. After achieving the lofty goal of lending the cover of Penthouse her youthful "credibility" for an issue and making hunky dudes cry like babies on TV with a show that's probably up there with The L Word among shows that men secretly TiVo and watch when their wives or girlfriends are in bed, just what else is there?

There are those of us, however, who hope to see Ms. Tequila do for string theory what she did for reality dating shows — after all, is there anything that can't be improved with cowboy hats and buckskin bikini tops?

HBO-VER: Frank Rich, the New York Times drama critic once known as the "Butcher of Broadway," has been signed on by HBO as its creative consultant, the cable network announced this week. While some critics such as Tim Goodman wondered why the struggling network would want to be perceived as "more New York-centric," the move at least has the unspoken advantage of preventing Rich from writing about HBO's lackluster shows due to conflict of interest.

Considering how cheaply the average critic can be bought, I look forward to HBO expanding its creative team by poaching the entertainment pages of every major magazine and newspaper.

Personally, I can be had for the price of a 52-inch plasma and a year's supply of Red Bull.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

celebrity

Oprah takes on vegan challenge



Winfrey

DETOX Oprah Winfrey is saying bye, bye to burgers — hello tofu and tempeh!

The talk show host, 54, is going vegan for a 21-day detox plan, people.com reports. In addition to banning animal products, Winfrey and three pals from her production company are also skipping caffeine, sugar, gluten and alcohol.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

FRIDAY

	H	D	B	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
primetime 5/23/08	31	31	31 ABC	News (N)	ABC Wld News	Inside Edition	Chronicle	Grey's Anatomy "Freedom" (HDTV)				20/20 (N)
	7	7	7 ASN	Twice in a Lifetime		Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Grey's Anatomy "Freedom" (HDTV)				Supernatural
	11	11	11 CBC	Barenaked East Coast Music!		TBA	TBA	To Be Announced		CBC News: The National		The Hour
	32	32	32 CBS	News (N)	Evening News	The Insider (N)	Entertainment	Ghost Whisperer		Ghost Whisperer		NUMB3RS
	6	6	6 CIHF	Entertainment	ET Canada	Ice Age ★★★ (2002, Comedy) Voices of Ray Romano.				NUMB3RS "Traffic"		News (N)
	9	9	9 CJCH	eTalk	Jeopardy! (N)	Ghost Whisperer		Plague City: SARS in Toronto (2005, Drama), Ron White				News (N)
	36	36	36 FOX	The Simpsons	King of the Hill	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Cheaper by the Dozen ★★ (2003, Comedy) Steve Martin.				Fox First
	12	12	12 NBC	News (N)	NBC News	Hollywood	Extra (N)	American Gladiators		Dateline NBC (N)		
sports	55	55	55 SCOR	Hockey Talk	Game On	World Series of Poker		WWE SmackDown!				Score Tonight
	53	53	53 TSN	Off the Record	SportsCentre	That's Hockey! Playoff Edition		EURO Classic Soccer		NBA Basketball: Conf. Final		
cable variety	16	16	16 A&E	Cold Case Files (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami "Innocent"		CSI: Miami
	70	70	70 APTN	First Talk	News	Rez Rides	renegadepress	Tears	Chiefs-Champ	The Fugitive ★★★ (1993, Suspense)		
	37	37	37 BRVO	Street Legal		Rhythm-Roots	Bravo! Fact	Cheaper by the Dozen				Godiva's
	49	49	49 COM	Laughs	Comedy Now	Air Farce	22 Minutes	Corner Gas	Good Morning	The Simpsons	South Park	Extras
	18	18	18 CNN	(5) The Situation Room		Lou Dobbs Tonight		CNN Election Center		Larry King Live (N)		Cooper 360
	38	38	38 DISC	How It's Made	How It's Made	Daily Planet (N)		Canada's Worst Handyman		Bone Detectives		A Haunting
	34	48	48 HGTV	Holmes on Homes		House Hunters	Buy Me	House Hunters	House Hunters	Green Homes	Extreme Home	Selling Houses
	46	46	46 HIST	Disaster-Cent.	Masterminds	NCIS "The Curse"		Cities of the Underworld		Final 24 John Belushi.		NCIS
	17	17	17 MM	Punk'd	Video on Trial	The O.C. "The Secret"		Gone Wild	Video on Trial	Clueless ★★★ (1995, Comedy), Stacey Dash		
	206	206	206 PIX	(6:30) Ghost Dog: The Way of the Samurai		Rude ★★★ (1995, Drama)				Lolita ★★★ (1962, Comedy-Drama)		
	39	39	39 SHOW	Trailer Park	Billable Hours	ReGenesis (HDTV)		Cold Squad		Kenny-Spenny	Kenny-Spenny	Webdreams
	40	40	40 SLICE	Three Takes		Women on Top	Til Debt-Part	Wedding SOS	The List	Til Debt-Part	Til Debt-Part	Birth Days
	21	21	21 TLC	What Not to Wear		Say Yes to the Dress		What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		Years Younger
	22	22	22 W	Shopping Bags	House	Sex and-City	Sex and-City	Extreme Skinny Celebrities		Step It Up & Dance		Oh So Cosmo
	27	27	27 YTV	Prank Patrol	Endurance	Ghost	Adrenaline Proj	Naruto	Avatar-Last Air	Futurama	Bleach	Death Note

SATURDAY

	H	D	B	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
primetime 5/24/08	31	31	31 ABC	News (N)	Wrld News Sat	Celtics-Rise	Pregame Show	NBA Count	NBA Basketball: Eastern Conf. Final -- Celtics at Pistons			
	7	7	7 ASN	Corner Gas	Corner Gas	W-FIVE-S&M: Short & Male		Stargate SG-1		Stargate Atlantis		The Collector
	11	11	11 CBC	Sat. Report	Marketplace	To Be Announced		NHL Hockey: Stanley Cup Final Game 1 -- Penguins at Red Wings				
	32	32	32 CBS	News (N)	CBS News	Entertainment Tonight		Vinegar Hill (2005, Drama) Mary-Louise Parker.				48 Hr. Mystery
	6	6	6 CIHF	Global Currents: Debt Trap		Mutant X		Andromeda		renegadepress	renegadepress	News (N)
	9	9	9 CJCH	W-FIVE-S&M: Short & Male		One Dead Indian (2006, Docudrama)		(DVS)		Comedy Inc.	Comedy Inc.	News (N)
	36	36	36 FOX	MLB Baseball: Mets at Rockies		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Cops	Cops	America's Most Wanted		Fox First
	12	12	12 NBC	News (N)	NBC News	Access Hollywood (N)		To Be Announced			Last Comic Standing	
sports	55	55	55 SCOR	Score Update		BodogFight		Hardcore Champ. Fight		Score Update		Score Update
	53	53	53 TSN	SportsCentre		That's Hockey	EURO Classic Soccer			NBA Basketball: Eastern Conf. Final -- Celtics at Pistons		
cable variety	16	16	16 A&E	The Last Boy Scout ★★★ (1991, Action) Bruce Willis.				Under Siege ★★★ (1992, Action) Steven Seagal.				Under Siege
	70	70	70 APTN	MYTV	Music Speaks	Rez Bluez		Guides	Fish Out of	Miywayawin	Storytellers	Geographic
	37	37	37 BRVO	Arts & Minds	Bravo!Videos	Ben Harper-Rehearsal Hall		Standing in the Shadows of Motown (2002, Documentary)				Like Motown
	49	49	49 COM	Laughs	Comedy Now	Just for Laughs		Corner Gas	Blue Collar TV	The Simpsons	South Park	Kathy Griffin
	18	18	18 CNN	This Week in Politics		Lou Dobbs This Week (HDTV)		Special Investigations		Larry King Live		Newsroom
	38	38	38 DISC	How It's Made	How It's Made	What's That About?		Dirty Jobs		Deadliest Catch		Criss Angel
	34	48	48 HGTV	Holmes on Homes		Colin & Justin's Home Heist		Handyman Superstar		The Big Flip	The Big Flip	Extreme-Home
	46	46	46 HIST	Re-Inventors	Urban Legends	Rome "Death Mask"		The Immortal Beaver		The Professional ★★ (1994, Crime Drama)		
	17	17	17 MM	Rock the Cradle		Clueless ★★★ (1995, Comedy) Alicia Silverstone.				Rock the Cradle		Gone Wild
	206	206	206 PIX	Bill & Ted's Bogus Journey		Stealing Beauty ★★★ (1996, Drama) Liv Tyler.				Prick Up Your Ears (1987, Biography)		
	39	39	39 SHOW	Kevin of the North ★ (2001, Comedy) Skeet Ulrich.				Destination: Infestation (2007, Suspense)				Kenny-Spenny
	40	40	40 SLICE	Matchmaker	Bulging Brides	Party Mamas	The List	Superstar Hair Challenge		Rich Bride, Poor Bride		Matchmaker
	21	21	21 TLC	Property Ladder (HDTV)		Moving Up (HDTV)		Flip House	Date My House	Trading Spaces (HDTV)		Moving Up
	22	22	22 W	Alex & Emma	Le Divorce ★★ (2003, Romance-Comedy) Kate Hudson, Naomi Watts.					The Skeleton Key ★★ (2005, Suspense)		
	27	27	27 YTV	Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Ghost	Ghost	Mystery Hnt.	Mystery Hnt.	Adrenaline Proj	Adrenaline Proj	Mystery Hnt.

SUNDAY

	H	D	B	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
primetime 5/25/08	31	31	31 ABC	News (N)	ABC News	Funniest Home Videos		Extreme Makeover: Home		Desperate Housewives		Brothers
	7	7	7 ASN	Kyle XY "Leap of Faith"		Funniest Home Videos		Smallville "Bizarro"		Comedy Now	Comedy Now	Law/Ord SVU
	11	11	11 CBC	The Nature of Things		Test the Nation: Sports (N)				CBC News: Sunday Night (N)		Doc Zone: Bag
	32	32	32 CBS	Evening News	News (N)	60 Minutes		Cold Case (HDTV)		Cold Case (HDTV)		The Unit
	6	6	6 CIHF	renegadepress	King of the Hill	Brothers & Sisters		The Simpsons	King of the Hill	Family Guy	American Dad	News (N)
	9	9	9 CJCH	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		Elijah (2007, Biography) Billy Merasty, Currie Graham.				Law & Order: SVU		News (N)
	36	36	36 FOX	(6) NASCAR Racing Sprint Cup -- Coca-Cola 600. (HDTV) From Lowe's Motor Speedway in Concord, N.C. (Live)								Fox First
	12	12	12 NBC	News (N)	NBC News	Dateline NBC (N)				Law & Order (HDTV)		Law/Ord SVU
sports	55	55	55 SCOR	Horse Racing	Cabby Unlimit	The WWE Experience		BodogFight		NBA Basketball: Western Conf. Final -- Lakers at Spurs		
	53	53	53 TSN	(6) NASCAR Racing Sprint Cup -- Coca-Cola 600. (HDTV) From Lowe's Motor Speedway in Concord, N.C. (Live)								
cable variety	16	16	16 A&E	(5) Erin Brockovich		The First 48		The First 48 (HDTV)		The First 48 (HDTV)		The First 48
	70	70	70 APTN	Medicine Wmn	Tears	Warriors: TKO "Fight Day"		MYTV	renegadepress	Edward Scissorhands ★★★ (1990, Fantasy)		
	37	37	37 BRVO	Art of Observation Ted Grant		Arts & Minds	Bravo! Fact	Allan King		King Arthur ★★ (2004, Historical Drama)		
	49	49	49 COM	Laughs	Comedy Now	Winnipeg Comedy Festival		Laughs	Rick Mercer	The Simpsons	Celebrity	Comedy Now
	18	18	18 CNN	Lou Dobbs This Week (HDTV)		Newsroom		Special Investigations		Larry King Live		Newsroom
	38	38	38 DISC	MythBusters		Mars: The Phoenix Lands Phoenix Mars Lander sets down.				Mars Rising "Search for Life"		MythBusters
	34	48	48 HGTV	Green Homes	Living With Ed	House Hunters	House Hunters	Property Virgin	Buy Me	Extreme Makeover: Home		Holmes-Homes
	46	46	46 HIST	NCIS "Kill Ari"		NCIS "Frame-Up"		NCIS "Hiatus"		NCIS "Hiatus"		General's Dtr
	17	17	17 MM	Rock the Cradle		So You Think You Can Dance				Totally Untrue	MuchNews	Rock-Cradle
	206	206	206 PIX	Valmont	(7:45) Thunderball ★★★ (1965, Action) Sean Connery, Adolfo Celi.					Peyton Place ★★★ (1957, Drama)		
	39	39	39 SHOW	Deep Blue Sea	Billable Hours	Absolution (2006, Drama) Samantha Mathis.				Trailer Park	Rent-A-Goalie	Saw ★★
	40	40	40 SLICE	In Laws	Last 10	X-Weighted		End of Leash	Newlywed	Spoiled Rotten	In Laws	Biggest Loser
	21	21	21 TLC	The Real Estate Pros		Trading Spaces (HDTV)		Trading Spaces In-laws.		Trading Spaces (HDTV)		Trading
	22	22	22 W	Le Divorce	Hwd 10 Best	Shopping Bags	Style by Jury	Circle of Friends (2006, Suspense) Julie Benz, Venus Terzo.				Good Naked
	27	27	27 YTV	Ferris Bueller's Day Off ★★★ (1986, Comedy) Matthew Broderick.					Prank Patrol	Falcon Beach		Falcon Beach

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Music, 'a sense of meaning'

Haligonian artist speaks to her musical inspiration

By **DEAN LISK**
Metro Halifax



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Christina Martin is releasing her sophomore album in Halifax next week.

THERE'S A REASON why there are so many self-help books out there for the lovelorn, said Christina Martin.

"Relationships are tough," said the musician, who sings about the difficulties associated with being in love on her song Temporary Hell. It is about those times in your life where you aren't quite sure what is going on.

"Maybe it was a day where I couldn't see what tomorrow was going to bring, and I was just frustrated," said Martin about why she penned it. "Sometimes we have a tendency to blame stuff that is happening on other people, or our partners, or our teammates.

"When I listen to the song, well it is what I wanted to say — and that is how I want it to sound to other people," she added. "With that song, even when I am singing it, there are parts where I feel a little ticked-off at times."

Temporary Hell is one of nine songs Martin has included on her sophomore album, Two Hearts. The vocally strong album — a follow-up to her 2002 debut Pretty Things — merges country and folk in a series of songs about love and longing.

"I write a lot about relationships, and I have a keen interest in them. I think it is human nature," said Martin, who is officially kicking off an album tour next week.

While her tour will mostly be a solo affair, her CD release show at FRED will feature her performing with a band — Jason Voutour, Kinley Dowling, Glen Nicholson, Tim Kohoot and Rose Cousins — and a small choir.

"I don't think I have ever been so pleased with a compilation of my songs," said Martin about the release, which was produced by Dale Murray (The Guthries, Hayden).

She said working with Murray was a wonderful experience. He helped to work out the song arrangements, and made sure the album came together sonically.

"For me, songwriting is a form of creation and sorting things out," said Martin. "It gives me a sense of meaning."

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CD celebration

» Christina Martin will celebrate the release of her CD, Two Hearts, with a special show at FRED on Agricola St. on Friday, May 30, at 7 p.m. Tickets are $10 in advance and $12 at the door. They are available at FRED. Visit *www.christinamartin.net* for more information.

music



Local musician to be honoured

TRIBUTE As part of Expo-Acadie, Nova Scotia-based musician, songwriter and event producer Ronald Bourgeois will be honoured during a tribute taking place Saturday, June 7, at the World Trade and Convention Centre. The evening will feature BLOU, Mary Jane Lamond, Teresa Ennis and artists from across Canada and the United States. Tickets are $10. Visit *www.expoacadie.com.*

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In Brief

» **FILM** Filmmaker Jay Dahl's comedic mockumentary short film Backjumping was the winner of the Atlantic Film Festival and CBC Television's inaugural Short Film Face Off competition.

» **FESTIVAL** The ViewFinders International Film Festival for Youth is reporting that attendance at this year's event rose to nearly 10,000 people.

» **HERITAGE** Pier 21 will be celebrating an Asian-themed family day this Saturday as part of Asian Heritage Month. METRO NEWS SERVICES

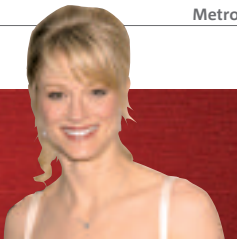
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Actress Teri Polo, right, has landed the title role in the ABC drama pilot Finnegan. She will play Erin Finnegan, a "tough detective" in charge of the LAPD's organized crime and vice division. TVGUIDE.COM

Hip-hop icon Nas comes to Cunard



NIKKI'S HALIWOOD HEADLINES
NIKKI BALCH

A hip-hop icon will take the stage at the Cunard Centre right here in Halifax this Sunday, May 25.

Nas is an internationally recognized recording artist from New York. Most agree that Nas is an unbelievably talented rapper. Some fans would argue that with the release of his Illmatic album in 1994, he changed the hip-hop scene forever — and for the better.

Classified and the Halflife Crew, including Chad Hatcher, are just one of the opening acts for the evening, and they say they can't wait to be a part of such an exciting show.

Classified jokes that he "paid off the promoter" to land the gig. He's a fan of Nas — Illmatic is still one of his favorite albums.

"When they contacted us about opening up, initially I wasn't going to do it, because I've been hibernating and working on my new album, wanted to just focus on that. But it was Nas. So we wanted to do it," Classified says.

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>
> *Rapper Classified*

Chad Hatcher from the Halflife Crew, who is used to taking the main stage himself, says he is excited to be playing congas and singing background for this show because it's fun to be able



Nas

to do something a "little bit different and be involved." Hatcher thinks it will be a cool experience and a great show.

Classified is pretty focused on working in the studio right now on his new album. Not only a talented rapper, Classified is also promoting, and working on the next singles from Chad Hatcher's new album Tunnels and Pathways, and Mic Boyd's new album, both of which he produced.

Hear Nikki Balch on the Z103.5 Morning Show with Jeff, Nikki and Shane, weekdays from 5:30-10:30 a.m.

Getting old can be good

By **DEAN LISK**
Metro Halifax

BALD MEN may be the brunt of a few jokes, but it was the prospect of losing his hair that led Derek Edwards into comedy,

"Your hair jumps out, it gets allergic to you," said the Timmins-born comedian, who found himself diagnosed with alopecia — a fancy word for hair loss — 15 years ago.

"It just leaps out, it was so bizarre. I just had this little golf ball sized spot at the back of my head. God, it was bizarre. My wife almost threw up it was so attractive."

At the time, Edwards was working at a shoe store and decided — since he should start wearing a hat — to get into house painting. He was also doing comedy, and it wasn't long before he hung up his paint splattered overalls.



Edwards

"I was puttering around with standup for about five years," said Edwards, who is starting a comedy tour of Atlantic Canada this week — including a stop at the Rebecca Cohn on Friday, May 30.

Called The Other Shoe Drops, the show is a 90-minute look at growing older, growing wiser, and the freedom of not worrying about what others think of you.

"You can soldier on, lead your life," he said. "It's not all about being decrepit and miserable. It is freeing being older."

lowdown

» What: Derek Edwards
» Where: The Rebecca Cohn
» When: Friday, May 30, 8 p.m.
» Tickets: $37. Call 494-3820.

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The Workers' Compensation Board is a vibrant, stakeholder-driven Board of Directors that sets the vision, accountability and policy direction for the WCB, and works in partnership with other agencies to develop coordinated strategies for the Workplace Safety and Insurance System.

The Province of Nova Scotia is seeking an employer stakeholder representative to sit as member of the Board of Directors for the Workers' Compensation Board. The Workers Compensation Board exercises stewardship over yearly revenues in excess of $254 Million and assets of over $1.1 Billion. The Board operates independently from government and is accountable to employer and employee stakeholders.

Employer stakeholder associations that are interested in nominating a member to serve on the Board of Directors should forward, in nomination:

- The individual's resume, specifying the nominee's relevant experience in such fields as workers' compensation, governance and accountability, safety and injury prevention, healthcare management or other related fields.
- A letter of nomination from the association and any other supporting documentation. Individual applications will not be considered.

As the Province is committed to affirmative action for appointments, stakeholder associations are asked to identify whether candidates are members of aboriginal communities, women, persons with disabilities and/or members of racially visible groups. Compensation for this position is currently $300 per day with an additional stipend of $2,000 per year when chairing a subcommittee of the Board.

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Singing to you and I
A show featuring paintings by Mark Grantham, including Sing To Us (View From St. Paul's Cemetery), right, is on display at Studio 21 Fine Art.



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BAY LANDING: Blast From the Past on Saturday, 9:30 p.m. $3. 354 Prospect Bay Rd.

BEARLY'S: Carson Downey Band on Friday and Saturday. Roger Howse Band matinee on Saturday. Blues Jam with Brad Conrad on Sunday. 1269 Barrington St.

BIG LEAGUES: The Beat of Halifax with Z103 on Friday. 4 Forest Hills.

BUBBLES MANSION: DJ Savory on Friday, 10 p.m. $4. DJ Doug Phresh on Saturday, 10 p.m. $5. 5287 Prince St.

CELTIC CORNER: Jimmy Inch on Friday and Saturday. 69 Alderney Dr.

CHEERS: Sam Moon and Rick Gautreau matinee on Friday. 1743 Grafton St.

COACH'S PUB: DJ Scott on Saturday. 552 Sackville Dr.

DAVE DOLITTLES: Karaoke with Mike Gough on Friday and Saturday. 90 Tacoma Dr.

THE DOME: DJ Doug Phresh on Fridays. World dance party on Saturdays. 1663 Argyle St.



Halifax-based singer Sheva performs at Stayner's Wharf this Wednesday and Thursday at 6 p.m.

DUTCHIE'S PUB: Jeff Bonang and friends on Sundays, 4 p.m. 3671 Dutch Village Rd.

ECONOMY SHOW SHOP: Matty Mckeown on Monday. 1661 Argyle St.

EMBASSY: House and trance on Friday. Top 40 and R & B on Saturday. 1661 Argyle St.

THE FIFE AND DRUM: Barnacle on Friday and Saturday. 1919 Upper Water St.

FINBAR'S: Lynne Hanson on Friday. Laura Watson on Saturday. Sunnyside Mall.

GUS' PUB: Shearing Pinx, Be Bad, Special Noise, Attack Mode and Troy Richter on Friday. Career Suicide, Die Brucke, The Hold and Mark Black on Saturday. In This Style, L'embuscade and Mantasy on Sunday. 2605 Agricola St.

THE HARBOURFRONT ROOM: Mike Cowie Big Night Out Band on Friday and Saturday. Casino Nova Scotia.

THE JOLLY MUG: Frank Lowe and SideKIXX on Sunday. 15 Lakeland Rd.

KEY LARGO'S: DJ IV on Friday. DJ Doc on Saturday. 70 First Lake Dr.

LION'S HEAD TAVERN: Laurie the Guy on Friday and Saturday. 5833 Sullivan St.

LOWER DECK: LOWER DECK: Signal Hill on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Paul Lamb and Cory Tetford matinee on Friday. Paul Lamb matinee on Saturday. Historic Properties.

MARQUEE CLUB: Wordburglar, Uncle Fes, Windom Earle, The Stolen Minks, and The Gideons on Friday. 2037 Gottingen St.

MICHAEL'S BAR & GRILL: Laurie the Guy on Thursday and Sunday. 6100 Young St.

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MY SON'S PLACE: Low Rider Band open mic on Sunday. 223 Wyse Rd.

OAKMOUNT STATION: Pros vs. Joes karaoke on Saturday. 1717 Bedford Hwy.

O'CARROLL'S: The Gig Dogs on Friday and Saturday. David Stone on Sunday through Thursday. 1860 Upper Water St.

OLD TRIANGLE: David Stone and The Crew on Friday and Saturday. Reel East matinee on Saturday. Mike Forbes on Sunday. 5136 Prince St.

OUR FRIEND'S PUB: Kitchen parties on Monday, 4:30 p.m. 19 Norm Newman Dr.

THE PALACE NIGHTCLUB: DJ Smooth Steve on Friday. DJ Fierce on Saturdays. 1721 Brunswick St.

PARKSIDE PUB: Da Rock on Friday and Saturday. 14 Highfield Park Dr.

PASSAGE ALE HOUSE: Live music matinee on Saturday. 36 Government Wharf.

THE PAVILLION: Luke Collins & The Sex Appeal, Knockout Exploits, Djon Mustard, Mothers of Pigs, and Constantly Misjudgedon on Friday, 6:30 p.m. $7. Career Suicide, Envision, Genetic Angry, Criminal Intent, and Last Laugh on Saturday, 6:30 p.m. $9. 5816 Cogswell St.

PEDDLER'S PUB: DJ Mathematix on Friday and Saturday. Granville Mall.

PLAZA NIGHTCLUB: DJ RSSmooth and DJ Loonie Toonez on Friday. DJ Candyman on Saturday. 120 Main St.



Juno-nominee Sarah Slean performs at the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium this Thursday. Tickets to see the singer-songwriter are $30 in advance and $35 on the day of the show. Call 494-3820.

PORTER'S LAKE PUB: Karaoke on Saturday. 5528 Highway 7.

THE RED FOX: Gordie Duggan Band on Friday. Bayers Road Village.

THE RED STAG: High Tide on Friday and Saturday. 1496 Lower Water St.

REFLECTIONS: John "Quivver" Graham and Sean Keating on Friday. Candy theme party on Saturday. Ultimate icons night on Sunday. 5184 Sackville St.

RODEO LOUNGE: Ryan Cook matinee on Friday. Ground Star on Friday and Saturday. Montana on Sunday. 121 Ilsley Ave.

THE SEAHORSE: Madame Brown with Modern Citizen on Friday. Dammien Alexander and the Sonic Cinema, with Alert the Medic and The Blank Stares on Saturday. Music Nova Scotia night on Tuesday. 1659 Argyle St.

THE SHORE CLUB: Jeff Goodspeed's NSCC Band on Saturday. 250 Hubbards Rd.

THE SPLIT CROW: Clam Chowder on Friday and Saturday. Roger Stone matinee on Friday. Hawco matinee on Saturday. High Tide on Sunday. 1855 Granville St.

STAYNER'S WHARF: The Dalton Churchill Band on Friday. Jay Semko on Saturday. Jeff Goodspeed on Sunday. 5075 George St.

TRIBECA: The Metric System on Sunday. 1588 Granville St.

WINSTON'S: Fleetwood Dreams on Friday. 278 Lacewood Dr.

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galleries

ANNA LEONOWEN'S: Works by Meghan Gillan and Meredith Robb. Through May 24. Link, a jewellery design and metalsmith show. Through May 31. 5163 Duke St.

ART GALLERY OF NOVA SCOTIA: Arena: The Art of Hockey. Through June 8. Works by Miller Brittain. Through June 15. 1723 Hollis St.

ARGYLE FINE ART: Looking Downtown, paintings by Shelley Mitchell. Father Son And Holy Goat, works by Ruth Marsh. Through May 25. 1869 Upper Water St.

ART-PORT GALLERY: Works by 12 local artists. Robert Stanfield International Airport.

CORRIDOR GALLERY: Portraits And The Sea. 1113 Marginal Rd.

CRAIG GALLERY: From Here, new paintings by various artists. Through May 25. 30. Alderney Landing.

DALHOUSIE ART GALLERY: Ghosts in the Landscape, Vietnam Revisited. Zhari-Panjwai: Dispatches from Afghanistan. Through June 29. 6101 University Ave.

EYELEVEL GALLERY: If It Ain't Funny, It Ain't Art. Through June 7. 2063 Gottingen St.

FRED GALLERY: Art Off The Map, works by local artists. Through May 25. 2606 Agricola St.

GALLERY PAGE AND STRANGE: Gerald Ferguson's Ash Can Paintings. Through June 13. 1869 Granville St.

HYDROSTONE GALLERY: Ian Winton: In A Different Light. Through June 8. 5519 Young St.

THE KYBER: Aubrey Reeves: Dagbok. Through June 28. 1588 Barrington St.

MOUNT ST. VINCENT ART GALLERY: Chemistry, curated by Ingrid Jenkner. Through May 25. 166 Bedford Hwy.

PAINTER'S PALETTE: Works by local painters. Dresden Row Market.

THE PEDWAY PICTURE GALLERY: Showing The Artists Of Creative Spirit East. Alderney Landing, Dartmouth.

STUDIO 21 FINE ART: Works by Elizabeth Enders and David Sorenson. Through June 18. 1223 Lower Water St.

SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY ART GALLERY: Burrow/Terrier, work by four artists. Through June 15. 5865 Gorsebrook Ave.

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galleries

SECORD GALLERY: Works by various artists. 6301 Quinpool Rd.

UTILITY GALLERY: Expand jeweler design and metalwork. Through May 24. 5224 Blowers

VIETH STREET GALLERY: Outsider art. Through June 30. 3115 Veith St.

VIEWPOINT GALLERY: Painting With Light, by Colin Campbell. Through June 1. 1272 Barrington St.

VISUAL ARTS NOVA SCOTIA: Giserka Turcic: Landbodies. Through May 29. 1113 Marginal Rd.

ZWICKER'S GALLERY: Honouring Joseph Plaskett. Through June 7. 5415 Doyle St.

MARITIME MUSEUM OF THE ATLANTIC: Halifax vs. Louisburg: The Final Siege. Opens June 3. 1675 Lower Water St.

MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY: Arctic Adventure. Through May 25. Sila: Clue Into Climate Change. Through May 25. 1747 Summer St.

PIER 21: Asian Heritage Month and Asahi: Leveling the Playing Field. Through May. 1055 Marginal Rd.

theatre

ALDERNEY LANDING THEATRE: Stars of Tomorrow Dance Academy present State of Emergency on May 24. Fall River Dance Connection Dancing Through the Decades on May 25. Visit www.eastern-front.ns.ca or call 1-888-311-9090.

GRAFTON ST. DINNER THEATRE: I Shot the Sheriff. Through June 1. Call 425-1961 for reservations.

events

CASINO NOVA SCOTIA: Bill Cosby on May 23. Thunder From Down Under on June 6 and 7. For tickets call 451-1221.

CUNARD CENTRE: NAS on May 25. Call 451-1221 or visit www.ticketatlantic.com.

DALHOUSIE ARTS CENTRE: Mocean Dance presents Given The Circumstances on May 22 through 24. Sarah Slean on May 29. Derek Edwards on May 30. Call 494-3820. 6101 University Ave.



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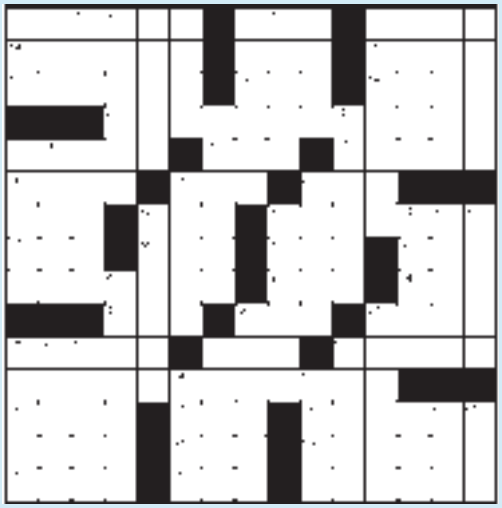


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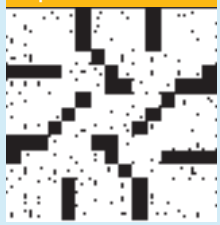
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33 Quarrel
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33 Sirius
37 Guanabara Bay port
38 Feverish
39 Snort of disgust
40 "— we there yet?"
41 Picky
43 Salon request
44 Estuary
45 Very, in Veracruz
46 Dirty place
47 Tall grass
48 Where Valencia is
51 — de cologne
52 Officious
53 Hockey or football (2 wds.)
56 Big continent
57 Absentminded murmur
58 Rock band crew member
62 Wildlife shelter
63 Citrus drink
64 Gains admission
65 Put in a difficult position
66 Legal matter
67 Film excerpts

previous answer



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ARIES | March 21-April 20
Somebody is concerned about legalities. Things perk up in the workplace. A family member covets a keepsake.

TAURUS | April 21-May 21
Anxiety puts you in a tense situation. A traveling healer goes home. A loss of respect won't be expected.

GEMINI | May 22-June 21
Somebody wants to talk about serious issues. A happy friend chatters incessantly. You will feel vulnerable this evening.

CANCER | June 22-July 22
A foolish hope goes up in flames. A woman will persevere when a proposal is made. A loser will change your world.

LEO | July 23-Aug. 23
You'll determine the wisest course of action. A love story becomes infuriating. You can't always respond with kindness.

VIRGO | Aug. 24-Sept. 22
A friend has news to share about a bad scene. Recklessness could lead to disillusionment. A significant fact has been overlooked.

LIBRA | Sep. 23-Oct. 23
Someone dear to you changes your mind. A nervous birdbrain loosens up a VIP. There's a chance to move up.

SCORPIO | Oct. 24- Nov. 22
Minimize an incident before a matter worsens. Independent action will provoke scrutiny. A man wrestles with angels.

SAGITTARIUS | Nov. 23- Dec. 21
You need a change of scenery. A companion is in love with the wrong person. Your judgment will be seen as correct.

CAPRICORN | Dec. 22-Jan. 20
Energy and effort pay off in a miraculous way. Someone needs room to grow. Make a clean sweep at work.

AQUARIUS | Jan. 21-Feb. 18
You'll realize that someone only has eyes for you. Dreams and wishes are fulfilled. Troubles have moved away from you.

PISCES | Feb. 19-Mar. 20
Fulfill your dreams by letting go of sorrow. You'll share news of a romantic plan. Avoid the usual pleas for commitment. AVATAR VENUS





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instructions »

The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

solve time »

Under 13 minutes	Genius
13-17 minutes	Scholar
17-21	Smart
21-25	Pretty good
More than 25	Keep practising

previous answer

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Rain. 80% 13°	Cloudy. 8°	Variable. 13°/5°	Partly sunny. 16°/7°	Partly cloudy. 18°/9°

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Temperature
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High: 15.1°
Low: 6°

Records
High: 32°/1977
Low: 0.6°/1991

Sunrise: 5:37 a.m.
Sunset: 8:44 p.m.
Moon does not rise
Moonset: 7:50 a.m.

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Battle of the exes

Denise Richards is a big liar, claims actor Charlie Sheen's friends – one of whom says she "gets more than enough money from Charlie to never have to work, much less do a reality show that exploits the kids," PageSix.com reports.

Sheen and his friends are furious the actress has taped a reality show debuting this weekend on E! called It's Complicated, which also features the ex-spouses' two daughters, Sam and Lola.

In her bid to promote the show, Richards went on Today, The View and Larry King Live to explain she did it to make money to support her children.

But, "Denise gets $52,000 (US) a month tax-free in child support," a Sheen insider fumed. "Most people in America can figure out how to live on that, but Denise can't?"

In addition to the child support, Richards got $60,000 a month (also tax-free) for two years in alimony – adding up to $1.44 million. Richards also gets a chunk of Sheen's sitcom, Two And A Half Men, which "eventually will net her up to $25 million," the source said.

Earlier this week, Sheen released e-mails purportedly sent from Richards to his fiancée, Brooke Mueller, in which Richards states she wants another baby and had asked for a sample of his sperm. But Richards said on Today that those "made up" e-mails were not from her.

A rep for Richards didn't return our calls.

A rep for Sheen released a statement saying, "The mere fact that she continues to publicly discuss and harass both Brooke and me three years after our separation, which for the record is longer than the actual length of the marriage, is beyond desperate and speaks volumes." Metro News Services



Steven in rehab: report

So-called "Demon Of Screamin," Aerosmith lead singer Steven Tyler, has checked himself into a rehab facility, People.com reports TMZ.com as saying.

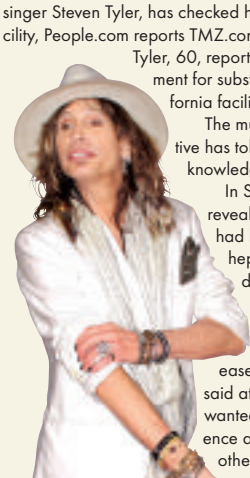
Tyler, 60, reportedly is seeking treatment for substance abuse at a California facility.

The musician's representative has told People he has no knowledge of the situation.

In September 2006, Tyler revealed that in 2003 he had been diagnosed with hepatitis C and had undergone 11 months of treatment.

After keeping quiet about the disease for so long, Tyler said at the time that he wanted to share his experience and knowledge with others.

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Carmen's portable pole

Carmen Electra is releasing a portable stripper pole, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The actress is so into with the exercise regime that she has designed a fold-away pole which can be set up anywhere.

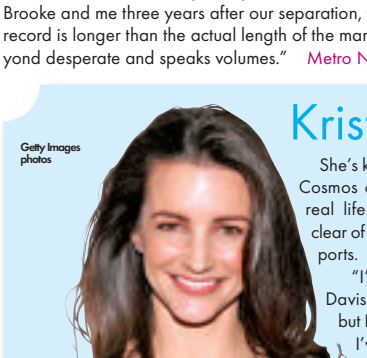
"I am so excited to have a new pole coming out, a portable stripper pole," Electra said. "The great thing about my portable pole is you can put it in your own living room or you can do the workout in your bedroom. No one has to see you do it. It's up to you – you can perform for your husband or boyfriend, or do it more as a workout and focus on that."

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Kristin opens up about drinking

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She's known for sipping her share of Cosmos on Sex And The City, but in real life actress Kristin Davis steers clear of cocktails, usmagazine.com reports.

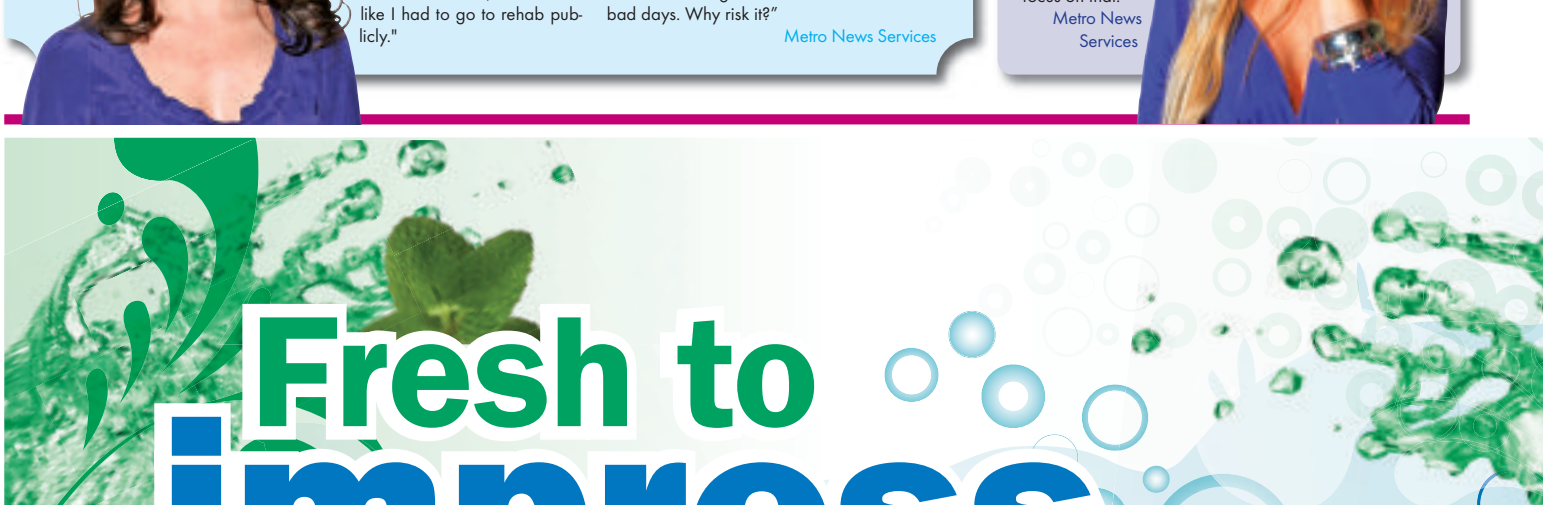
"I'm a recovering alcoholic," Davis, 43, says. "I've never hid it, but I've been sober the whole time I've been famous, so it wasn't like I had to go to rehab publicly."

She says, "it's caused a lot of confusion out in the world. I get sent many a Cosmo! I never drink them.

"I believe (alcoholism) is a disease. I don't think you can mess with it," Davis adds.

She says people used to say to her 'Couldn't you just have one glass of champagne?' And I would say, 'No,' " Davis recalls. "I'm doing well. I still have occasional bad days. Why risk it?"

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Sienna, Rhys on the rocks?

Actors Sienna Miller and Rhys Ifans will soon end their relationship, femalefirst.co.uk reports friends as saying.

The couple are said to be at the lowest point of their relationship and Miller, 26, is said to be growing tired of 39-year-old Ifans, to whom she reportedly got engaged March.

"It's awful but everyone who knows them can just see it coming a mile off," a friend of the couple told Grazia magazine. "Rhys seems madly in love with her still, but everyone is speculating Sienna has grown out of the relationship.

"It's almost painful to see them together because they've gone from being the perfect couple to him looking as if he's struggling to keep her attention. It's so sad."

The pair's troubles are said to stem from their hectic work schedules – Miller has been busy shooting The Edge Of Love with Keira Knightley and G.I. Joe with Channing Tatum, while Ifans has been busy working in the United Kingdom. "Sienna promised to spend a week with Rhys," another friend told Closer magazine. "He arranged his filming schedule, but at the last minute she cancelled her trip, saying she had to work. Rhys hit the roof when he called her and found out she was partying in Los Angeles."

Ifans is also reportedly unhappy that Miller has been spending time with several actors, including Jared Leto and Sean Penn and her ex-boyfriend Matthew Rhys, who stars alongside her in The Edge Of Love.

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Olsens deny coffee shop drama

Actresses Mary Kate Olsen and Ashley Olsen have laughed off rumours a barista at their local coffee shop has been secretly trying to fatten up the stars – by substituting their usual skimmed milk with a full-fat version, imdb.com reports

A worker at the twins' local Starbucks outlet in New York has reportedly confessed to altering the sisters' morning drinks because he was concerned about their skinny frames.

According to OK! magazine, the girls regularly ordered fat-free beverages but, "the barista thought the Olsens were too thin, so whenever they ordered their usual drink, he would replace the skim milk with full-fat."

But a representative for the Olsens has blasted the claims, insisting the story is "ridiculous."

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Penn admits dating Blake

Penn Badgley confirmed that he's dating his Gossip Girl co-star Blake Lively, the New York Daily News reports.

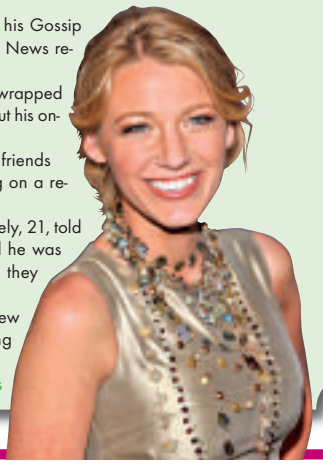
Now that their super-hyped TV show has wrapped for the season, Badgely finally opened up about his on-set romance with co-star Lively, 20.

Rumours of the two being more than just friends heated up after they were spotted smooching on a recent vacation to Mexico's Mayan Riviera.

"Obviously, there's chemistry there," Badgely, 21, told E!'s Daily 10. Despite that, he quickly added he was "not a fan" of on-set romances and thought they could "cause a lot of drama."

The actor also said shooting the show in New York City is different from Los Angeles, calling Gotham City a bit "tame" in comparison.

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Love You co-stars step out

P.S. I Love You co-stars Gina Gershon and Jeffrey Dean Morgan are acting like more than just friends, PageSix.com reports.

The actress and the Weeds star were spotted recently at Libation in New York City, where they hung out upstairs together all night.

"They were quite cosy," said a witness. "They were sharing a burger and she was hand-feeding him Tater Tots."

The two left together and were overheard saying they were headed to another party.

Reps for Morgan and Gershon, who is currently starring in the revival Boeing-Boeing on Broadway, had no comment.

The report comes just a month after Morgan called off his two-month-long engagement to his Weeds co-star Mary-Louise Parker.

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